

Watch it Franz, Vics want blood

Having conquered Partizan Belgrade and AEK Athens the Victorian State team now intends to add the scalps of the New York Cosmos to its collection.

Johan Neeskens, Franz Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto and Vladislav Bogicevic may be in a class of their own, but Victoria's supremo Len McKendry is confident his warriors can overcome the class difference with team work.

"We have been working hard all year to perfect our play. Every player knows the job he has to do and the spirit is first class," McKendry said.

Victoria already has proved it is Australia's strongest State team and that State League players like Jim Williams, John Gardiner, Tommy Cumming, Steve Kokoska, Steve Short, Carl Gilder and Joe Tront can do as good a job as their illustrious Philips League counterparts.

If the fans were impressed by Victoria's performances so far this year, they're in for an even greater treat at Olympic Park on Sunday, for the Vics are determined to play the game of their lives.

Pictured, back row from left (shirt numbers for Sunday indicated): Len McKendry (coach), 13. John Gardiner (Croatia), 2. Steve Short (Croatia), 8. Alan Davidson (South Melbourne), 1. Peter Laumets (South Melbourne), 15. Gary Cole (Heidelberg Utd), 9. Carl Gilder (Croatia), 5. Steve Kokoska (Croatia), 23. Yakka Banovic (Heidelberg Utd), 3. Jim Tansey (Heidelberg Utd). Front: 10. Joe Picciane (Footscray), 7. Joe Tront (Croydon City), 12. Jim Williams (Slavia), 11. Tommy

Cumming (Croatia), 14. Jamie Paton (Heidelberg Utd), 4. John Yzen-doorn (Heidelberg Utd), 8. Jimmy Rooney (Heidelberg Utd). Picture by LES SHORROCK



Cosmos to test our China squad

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The newly-born 1979 Socceroos will take their first bold steps in matches against Franz Beckenbauer and his New York Cosmos over the next week and a half.

The Cosmos, who arrive in Melbourne on Friday, will meet Victoria at Olympic Park on Sunday, Australia at the Sydney Showgrounds next Wednesday night and Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday week.

The Australian squad named by coach Rudi Gutendorf for the game in Sydney will tour China and South Korea next month.

Four of the Socceroos - Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, Tommy Cumming and Gary Cole - will also be in Victorian team on Sunday.

Two of the South Australian representatives, John Nyskohus and Bobby Russell, will meet the Cosmos in the Adelaide match.

This is it! This is the start of Australia's preparation for the next World Cup.

The newcomers will be out to prove themselves against the most illustrious sparring partners imaginable - Beckenbauer, Dennis Tueart, Vladislav Bogicevic, Johan Neeskens, Francisco Marinho, Georgio Chinaglia and the rest.

These newcomers are Roberto Echeverria and John Coyne of Brisbane City, Russell of Adelaide City, Amo Bertogna and

Joe Senkalski of Newcastle KB United.

Naming his 20-man national squad last week, Gutendorf stressed that every member had to prove himself worthy of representing Australia in the World Cup.

"Those who do not measure up will be replaced," he said.

"Younger candidates for the World Cup squad will play in the Oceania Cup in Noumea from December 7.

"This squad will comprise the national under 19s, bolstered by some older players like Alan Davidson, George Christopoulos, Ian Hunter and others who were with me in New Zealand and Paraguay for the World Youth Championship matches."

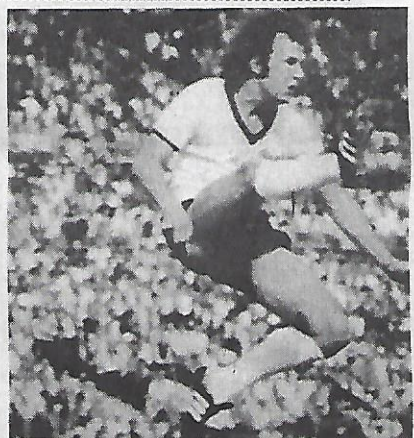
Gutendorf said he would

have taken Christopoulos and Peter Raskopoulos to China had they not been committed to school exams.

Gary Byrne of Marconi has been left out because he cannot get time off from work.

"Stuart Baxter of South Melbourne played a big part in my plans but unfortunately he decided to leave Australia, and he is now playing in the Swedish First Division," Gutendorf said.

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Franz Beckenbauer in mid-air. He and the Cosmos are the Socceroos' first punching bags.



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PHILIPS LEAGUE TOP FOUR

Victoria remains empty-handed

HEIDELBERG UTD 1 SYDNEY CITY 3

Second round, Phillips League top four championship.

Ground: Olympic Park No. 2.

Scorers, Sydney City: Stevenson 14th; Trenter 18th; Yzendoorn 68th; Heidelberg: Cole 70th.

Crowd: About 4500.

Cautions: Trenter (SC) 48th min; Bannan (H'berg) 82nd min. Sent off: Trenter 82nd.

Referee: Don Campbell (SA) 10.

Teams, with ratings:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 6 — McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 6, Provan 6 (Selemdis 79th), Tansley 8 — Campbell 6, Bannan 5, Rooney 6 — Cole 8, Paton 5 (Bozika 5, half time), Buljevic 6.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8 — Mullen 8, Thomson 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 7 — Stevenson 9, Kershaw 8, Campbell 7, Watson 8, Trenter 8, (sent off 82nd) Silva 7.

Victorian teams in the Phillips League are still to win a league or cup honor as the PSL approaches the end of its third season.

Heidelberg United, which carried the hopes of all Victorians, let itself down with a woeful first-half performance that put it out of the running for the final of the top four series.

Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane have won all the honors in the PS. Sydney City and Marconi took the league titles of 1977 and 1978 respectively, and West Adelaide won it to 1978. Brisbane City won the cup in 1977 and 1978 and Adelaide City won it this year. Sydney City won the top four series when it was introduced in 1978.

Laurie Schwab



That leaves Australia's second-biggest soccer State, Victoria, empty-handed.

Whether the three Victorian clubs will rectify the imbalance next year remains to be seen. South Melbourne and Footscray will have to rebuild. Even Heidelberg may have to add one or two players, although president Jim Mangopoulos says he is so happy with the players he has that he intends not to recruit any next season.

But it wasn't lack of talent that let Heidelberg down against Sydney City. It was lack of application in the first half, when the Sydney City midfield and left flank swarmed over Heidelberg with virtually no opposition.

John Stevenson on the right and Hilton Silva on the left called all the shots during the opening half, with Mark Trenter always menacing up front.

Eddie Thomson, playing his first full game after an 11-week absence due to injury, made a triumphant return to the defence. He and Steve O'Connor formed a solid wall and the Heidelberg players did not work hard enough to climb it.

While Thomson, O'Connor, Ian Bruce and goalkeeper-centre back-fall Ted Clarke concentrated on keeping the defence shut tightly, right back Kevin Mullen surged up the line and acrossfield with great flair, like an Australian Paul Breitner.

Sydney City's first-half play was the model of economy, simplicity and good sense. Players freed themselves all over the field, allowing the ball to do most of the work.

Such was City's dominance that it was obvious from the fifth minute the visitors would win.

By that time, goalkeeper Yakkia Banovic had been forced to make a reflex save from Hilton Silva's close-range shot, and Jimmy Rooney had been injured in a tackle by his "shadow," Alan Kershaw. Rooney limped on and it took most of the first half for him to recover fully.

With Rooney thus hampered, with Ken Taylor out injured, with Jim Campbell also carrying a slight injury and with Pat Bannan struggling as the makeshift midfielder, Heidelberg lost out badly to Stevenson, Kershaw, Ernie Campbell and Mullen moving through from defence.

Stevenson missed narrowly with a job over Banovic after Campbell had crossed and then Banovic threw himself bravely in front of Kershaw who was facing out the area on a good through ball. Banovic required treatment before resuming.

The inevitable goal came in the 14th minute. Heidelberg's defence cleared hurriedly Stevenson latched onto the ball at the edge of the area and slammed it hard into the top left hand corner of the net.

Four minutes later Silva played a short corner to Stevenson whose cross was headed home by Mark Trenter for goal No.2.

It took Heidelberg until the 41st minute to launch its first shot at goal. It came from CAMPBELL who hit the ball first-time from 25 metres but Clarke saved confidently.

Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakis, knowing that he needed goals to catch up, made a puzzling move at half time when he took off goalkeeping specialist Jamie Paton and replaced him with winger Andrew Bozika.

At this stage, the obvious need was for Bannan to return to the defence and for either Bozika or Theo Selemdis to come in as the third midfielder.



Heidelberg's Gary Cole rides a tackle by his marker, Alan Kershaw, with Steve O'Connor (left) also down, before scoring against Sydney City. Behind Cole is Arthur McMillan who had brought the ball forward, and in the background is Andrew Bozika. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

Just after the break, referee Don Campbell, who had yet another masterful game, showed the yellow card to Mark Trenter after the big striker had committed a foul.

Heidelberg improved dramatically. Its players started fighting for the ball, opening up and making position. Rooney and Campbell became more conspicuous, right back Arthur McMillan improved and left back Jim Tansley added thrust up the left flank. Gary Cole continued to battle away in attack as he had in the first half.

But at least part of Heidelberg's surge was due to Sydney City's switch to a more defensive stance.

Heidelberg may have opened up the game but it managed a quick goal. That goal seemed certain when a hard ground shot by Cole slipped through Clarke's fingers and trickled towards goal but Steve O'Connor got to it just in time to hook it off the line.

When John Yzendoorn put the ball into his own net, he brought down

the curtain on Heidelberg's 1979 season.

Banovic had changed direction quickly to palm down a hard shot by Trenter, which had deflected off Arthur McMillan and the ball was running loose. Yzendoorn dashed in to clear, but shot the ball into the net instead.

Cole replied with a goal for Heidelberg two minutes later, after slipping past Kershaw, O'Connor and Thomson in the middle, but there wasn't enough time for Heidelberg to make up the deficit.

The Victorians tried, though, to their credit. Branko Buljevic got into the area in a promising move but Mullen shut closely to him, prohibiting the striker from turning for a shot.

Bob Provan fired in a hard long-range drive and Tansley blasted high and wide after Rooney had found him with an expert chip over the advancing Sydney City defence.

Heidelberg finally brought on Selemdis for Provan but with only

11 minutes left, the move could hardly have been expected to yield a result.

In fact, Sydney City would have increased its lead in the 82nd minute had it not been for a professional foul by Bannan.

Having pushed forward from the half-line, Heidelberg was vulnerable to any counter-attack.

A long ball out of defence, started such an attack. It found Trenter who eluded Bannan and turned to head across open territory towards goal. Bannan would have had no hope of catching him, so he grabbed Trenter around the waist.

Trenter retaliated by elbowing Bannan hard, and referee Campbell made the right decision in cautioning Bannan and sending Trenter, who had been cautioned earlier, off the field.

During the last few moments, Rooney shot fractionally over the bar after Clarke had cleared the ball out to him, and a free kick by Yzendoorn flashed past the far post.

Trenter out, Barnes in

Murray Barnes or Ernie Campbell will replace Mark Trenter as Sydney City's central striker in the decisive top four match against Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Trenter was sent off in the game against Heidelberg last Sunday.

Barnes missed the match due to injury but will be fit by Sunday. Ian Souness also will return after suspension.

The winner of Sunday's match will advance to the final against Brisbane City, which qualified by beating Marconi 2-1 last Sunday.

If Marconi and Sydney draw this week, a play-off will be required to separate them as they would have the same number of points and goals for and against.

Alternatively, they could play extra time and resort to penalties to determine a winner on Sunday. This would avert the necessity of a play-off which would disadvantage the winner going into the first leg of the final only four days later.

Nothing is at stake when Heidelberg closes its 1979 season against Brisbane City at Olympic Park on Friday night.

Previous results of games between this week's opponents:

Heidelberg v Brisbane City: 1977 — H'berg 3-2, 1-1; 1978 — H'berg 1-0, 1-1; 1979 — BC 3-1, 0-0.

Marconi v Sydney City: 1977 — Marc 4-2, 1-1; 1978 — SC 2-1, 0-0; 1979 — Marc 4-0, 1-0.

Standings in the top four series:

	B	D	L	F	A
Brisbane City	2	0	8	4	1
Sydney City	1	0	1	3	2
Marconi	1	0	2	2	5
Heidelberg	0	2	2	2	0

Perry, Kelso the chief fighters

BRISBANE CITY 2 MARCONI 1

Scorers: City — Campbell 39th, Low 72nd. Marconi — Jankovics 58th.

Ground: Perry Park.

Crowd: 5,100.

Weather: Fine and sunny.

Referee: Chris Brambridge 9.

Cautions: Wilkinson (B), Lindsay (M).

BRISBANE CITY — Wishard 9, Perry 10, Coyne 9, Ratcliffe 9, Wilkinson 9, Pimblett 9, Echeverria 9, Gaffney 8, Low 8, Campbell 8, Kelso 9.

MARCONI — Maher 6, Russell 7, Henderson 7, Praskalo 7, Brogan 7, Lindsay 8, Degney 7, Bryon 7, Byrne 7, Krnecvic 6 (Marian 75th), Jankovics 7, Sharne 8.

Brisbane City, the outsiders before the Top Four Series began, now finds itself assured of a Grand Final berth after some stylish leadup from Roberto Echeverria and skipper Steve Perry.

City now cannot be displaced from the final, following the second loss suffered by Heidelberg United, which City plays this coming Friday night.

The opponents in the final will be the winner of this Sunday's match between Sydney City and Marconi. City don't care who makes it, after beating both so far.

Maybe the long season and pressure of winning its first PSL title has taken a little of the polish off Marconi.

Brisbane City has nothing to lose by aiming at the club's third trophy in three years since the PS. It began to follow up Philips Cup successes in 1977 and '78.

But to suggest it was a lapse by Marconi which enabled City to win would be an insult to this fine team

of fighters, which has battled through the year, on many occasions, as rank underdogs.

Marconi did not seriously threaten Kim Wishart's goal once in the first 45 minutes, apart from when Peter Sharne burst away in the clear following a City attacking raid.

Left-back Billy Wilkinson raced across to cover Sharne, but only succeeded in cutting him down in the cruelest of tackles to deservedly receive a yellow card. We will never know if the action saved a certain goal or not.

City opened up better and the early corners allowed Barry Kelso to utilise his height, but the efforts were wasted by his co-forwards.

The game was delayed for a few minutes when Les Scheinfeld relayed a message to Melbourne referee Chris Brambridge that Wishart was wearing a green shirt, identical to that of Marconi, which was in its change strip.

The break certainly did not unsettle City, with Campbell forcing Allan Maher to concede a corner with a long left foot drive and Kevin Low whistling a tremendous drive just wide after some stylish leadup from Roberto Echeverria and skipper Steve Perry.

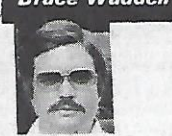
Brisbane's breakthrough in the 38th minute seemed inevitable, although it was amazing that Marconi, Tony Henderson in particular, displayed such a laxity in defence.

Kelso, who again is reserving his best football for the closing stages of the season, moved powerfully down the middle, and as Marconi waited to see what he would try, he blasted a snap shot at Maher.

Maher only partially blocked it, and as Henderson seemed to take an eternity to steady and clear, Bobby Campbell nipped in from behind to put away his third goal of the Top Four series.

Right on half time, City maintained its push forward and after two successive Frank Pimblett corners, Larry Gaffney's scorching shot was deflected for a corner, but there was insufficient time in which to take it.

Bruce Waddell



City pitched forward to pick up where it had left off and the Marconi goal was under severe pressure for the first eight minutes.

During this period, Henderson cleared a Perry groundshot off the line with Maher beaten, and the same thing happened another three times. It is almost inconceivable to think that City could have won something like 5-1.

Marconi produced its first real opening in the 57th minute with a Ken Lindsay-Eddie Krnecvic move resulting in Sharne's final shot spraying just wide.

Then a minute later, the Marconi attacking machine finally hit top pitch, with midfielder Degney finding Sharne in top gear on the right. He crossed to Jankovics, who again proved he makes few mistakes with clear cut chances, and City suddenly had to fight back.

This was the only time Marconi threatened to take command but City weathered the storm and then bounced back to almost snatch the lead back through Kevin Low.

A poor Maher clearance was nooded forward by Echeverria, and Low burst away and did the right

thing by having a crack himself, but unfortunately for City it whistled a fraction over the bar.

A Pimblett free kick was won well by Maher and with his header sailing past Maher into the net, a defender managed to get back and scramble clear.

Midway through the half, Echeverria again found Campbell's head, the ball swung out of the goal-mouth with Maher stranded, and although Kelso clipped intelligently, Praskalo back peddled to head off the line.

There were a few occasions when Marconi came forward menacingly, but did not contain the true Marconi bite, and the City defence, near faultless on the day, always managed a work itself out of trouble.

With 18 minutes left, City clinched the vital goal, and the move featured the two heroes of the match, Perry and Kelso.

Wishart rolled the ball to Perry, who carried it at full pitch depth into Marconi territory, where he found Kelso charging in support on the right.

Kelso shook off his opponent and crossed perfectly and Low, another of City's non-top scorers, was on the line to hammer past Maher.

This time there was no one guarding the line.

Both teams looked a little jaded towards the end of what was a match played at a great tempo in the last few minutes, the only other chutes fell to Gaffney.

His used skill on the backline to work into a goalscoring position, but could hardly believe his eyes when Henderson again was there to head the ball away.

BAXTER A BIG LOSS

From page one

"Similarly, Ian Souness of Sydney intends to return to Britain."

Gutendorf said he had chosen players capable of carrying out certain jobs the way he wanted them carried out. Also, he had taken only players able to get sufficient time off from work for the tour and for training camps.

"It was going to have a camp for the Cosmos match but the Phillips League scheduled a top four match between Heidelberg and Sydney City for the same week," he said.

"This made it impractical to organise a camp.

"When will the Phillips League finally wake up and realise that the national team must be given preference over league and club considerations?"

Gutendorf said he would name a 22-man squad after the Oceania Cup tournament in December.

"This squad, with a minimum of alterations, will be kept together for the World Cup qualifying series," he said.

would try to mould Echeverria into the type of attacking libero who would play an essential part in the Socceroos' style of play.

"Echeverria is not fast enough for midfield but he has an excellent pass and I think he can do the job as libero.

"However, I will also experiment with a sweeper instead of a libero. The sweeper is Ivo Praskalo."

Gutendorf said many people had questioned his decision to leave out star full backs Kevin Mullen of Sydney City and Paul Degney of Marconi.

"Both are excellent offensive players but to get into the national team they will have to improve their tackling," he said.

Asked what hope the non-Australians in the squad had of being granted citizenship status in time for the World Cup series in 1981, Gutendorf said:

"That's up to the Federation. I certainly hope so."

• A full run-down on the Australian squad appears in our next issue.

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Richards to lead NSW youths in Italy?

APIA-Leichardt will play against six leading First Division clubs during its tour of Italy in December-January.

The matches are against Catanzaro, Napoli, AS Roma, Pescara, Perugia and Fiorentina. They will be played mid-week. APIA leaves Sydney on November 29 and returns on January 4 or 5. APIA coach Ray Richards revealed this week that his club has an invitation to compete in the prestigious Viareggio youth tournament next February.

He said he had asked the Australian Soccer Federation for co-operation in making the competing team representative of the best young players in NSW, or even in Australia. "I'd like to select 25 to 30 players, in consultation with national coach Rudi Gutendorf before whittling them down to a squad of 16," Richards said. "I'm prepared to include players from outside Sydney providing they are prepared to pay their own travel expenses to and from Sydney." Richards said the organisers of the Viareggio tournament would pay all accommodation and travel expenses inside Italy

until the day after the team's elimination. "We will have to pay for the flight to and from Italy but we're working on perhaps getting sponsorship for that," Richards said. The tournament is called the Torneo Internazionale de Calcio, and will run from February 6 to February 18, 1980, in the city of Viareggio. It will be contested by 16 teams, eight which have qualified from various regions of Italy and eight invited from abroad. The tournament, which started in 1949, is open to players aged between 16 and 20 — those born between January 1, 1959 and December 31, 1963.

APIA intends to compete under the name of APIA-Sydney. Former Footscray JUST, Beograd (SA), Marconi and Avala (NSW) player Milan Mihailovic, was named best player of the Viareggio tournament when he competed with OFK Beograd in the early sixties. Teams invited to compete over the years have included: Dukla Prague, OFK Beograd, Ujpest Dosza, Racing Paris, Rijeka, Kickers Offenbach, Ferencváros, Crystal Palace, Boca Juniors, Partizan Beograd and Spartak. Fiorentina has won the tournament in the past two years. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Ray Richards

Ireland here to boost our World Cup hopes

Northern Ireland and probably Yugoslavia will be among the international sparring partners preparing the Socceros for their 1981 World Cup qualifying games.

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

The on-again-off-again tour by Northern Ireland finally has been confirmed for next June.

And a tour by Yugoslavia in June-July has been approved

by the Australian Soccer Federation "in principle". Both teams will play in the major capital cities. Czechoslovakia will meet the Socceros in January and the English FA will meet Australia on June 1.

This international programme, coupled with Australia's inclusion in an easy qualifying group at the weekend, gives the Socceros every possible assistance in their World Cup challenge.

There's nothing to stop them from qualifying for the finals — providing they're good enough.

Australia has been drawn in Asian group one against New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia and China-Taipei (Taiwan). This group will play a qualifying tournament, the winner of which will join the winners of three other groups, in a home-and-away series.

The tour two after this second round will advance to the 1982 finals in Spain.

The ASK will try to persuade theotherns in Group One to play the initial tournament in Australia.

However, New Zealand would probably get sufficient support from the others to play the tournament in Auckland, providing it has a ground available.

Its former ground, Newmarket Stadium, literally slipped down the side of a hill during heavy rain this year. Indonesia will try to have the tournament staged in Djakarta and can promise crowds of up to 90,000 as a strong bargaining point.

New Zealand, currently on a world tour after having beaten Australia 1-0 early this year, will be the Socceros' strongest opponents.

If they overcome the New Zealand hurdle, the Socceros probably will face South Korea, Iraq and North Korea in the second round.

Over the past 11 months, Iraq has been beaten only twice in 18 international games, North Korea is unbeaten in 12 games and South Korea has lost only two of 13 games.

At least Australia will avoid these giants in the initial qualifying series, thanks to the negotiating skills of ASK president Sir Arthur George, who sat in on the World Cup organising committee which drew up the groupings in Zurich at the weekend.

It was the first time that Australia or Oceania, of which Sir Arthur is president, had been invited to attend such a meeting.

The groups

The Oceania-Asia qualifying groups for the 1982 World Cup.

GROUP ONE: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia, China-Taipei.

GROUP TWO: Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea.

GROUP THREE: Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

GROUP FOUR: Hong Kong, Macao, China, North Korea, Japan, Singapore.

Elimination matches must be completed by November 30, 1981.



Dynamo Zagreb, back row from left: Poljak Mustedanagic, Brucic, Dombovic, Bobinac, Milnaric, S. Maric. Middle row: Markovic (trainer), Ivkovic, Janjanin, Devic, Jovicic, Cerin, Bonic, Kranjcar, Susak (assistant trainer). Front: Stevanovic, Stincic, Bogdan, Calasan, Novoselac (now with Olympiakos in Greece), Vujadinovic, Z. Maric, Zajec (captain).

Dynamo Zagreb will tour Australia in December.

The tour was announced last week by the vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Mr Michael Weinstein.

Zagreb will play against Victoria at Olympic Park on December 9.

Dates will be set soon for games in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra.

Branko Tucak, goalkeeper, played 20 games for the Yugoslav Olympic team, senior Yugoslav international.

Vladimir Zajec, 13 youth caps, midfielder; senior international.

Zagreb in December

Srecko Bogdan, centre back, 15 youth caps, senior international.

Rajko Janjanin, midfielder, 16 youth caps, senior international.

Snjezan Cerin, striker; Petar Brucic, midfielder, Olympic representative.

Zlatko Kranjcar, utility player, 15 youth caps, senior international.

Tomislav Ivkovic, goalkeeper, 20 youth caps; Branko Devsic, right back; Cedimir Jovisevic, left back.

Josip Kuze, centre back, six youth caps; Radimir Bobinac, centre back.

Savko Maric, right winger; Rajko Vujadinovic, striker; Ivan Poljak, midfielder, two full caps.

Marko Milnaric, left winger, 13 youth caps; Stojan Stefanovic, right winger.

FIFA boss sees bright future for China

ZURICH. — China, newly restored to the international soccer scene, has a good chance of qualifying for the finals of the 1982 World Cup in Spain, International Football Federation (FIFA) President Dr Joao Havelange said this week.

"I saw the Chinese national team play when I visited Peking last August. They have an excellent team and some very good young players. With a little bit of luck they could be one of the 24 finalists," Dr Havelange told reporters.

He was speaking after FIFA leaders accepted Peking back into the world soccer

body after 21 years' absence and assigned them to Group Four of the Asian-Oceania qualifying tournament for the world trophy.

China quit FIFA in 1958 in protest against the membership of Taiwan, but agreed to return after FIFA ordered the Taiwan association to change its name.

The compromise proposal which broke the stalemate over Chinese and Taiwanese representation in international soccer was worked out at the international Olympic committee executive meeting in Puerto Rico in June. It recognises the mainland

Chinese organisation as the China Olympic Committee.

Taiwanese representation will be as the "China Taipei Olympic Committee."

Taiwanese athletes will relinquish their national flag and anthem, using those of the IOC instead. China will contact all embassies to say that it has no objection to teams of other countries playing against China-Taipei in any sport.

This should result in most countries granting visas to visiting Taipei teams.

Many countries, including Australia, have withheld such visas.

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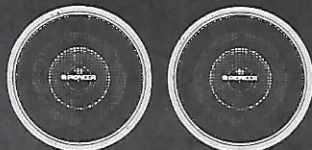
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ADAMS PROVES POINT

ESSENDON CROATIA 2 (Batinovic 20th, Gilder 32nd) FRANKSTON CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: 3000 (double header).

ESSENDON CROATIA: Petrovski 7 - Short 8, Kokosa 7, Gardiner 8, Blavier 7 - Adams 9, Murphy 8, Andrew 7 - Cumming 8, Giler 8, Batinovic 7.
FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 8 - V. Bannan 6, Adams 6, T. Young 7, Tulloch 6 - G. Bannan 7, (Coulson 74th min), Cooper 6, McCluskey 5 - B. Young 7, Runjie 6 (Campbell 74th min), Swinscoe 6.

Referee: Jack Readshaw 7. Cautions: McCluskey (F).

The excellent midfield play of Keith Adams and Ken Murphy allowed Essendon Croatia to dominate over Frankston City and score a vital victory in the second round of the State League Cup.

Croatia, the 1979 champion, can still win the State League Cup after this victory, but for Frankston the season is as good as over.

Essendon returned to its brilliant best, thanks mainly to Adams, who perhaps wanted to prove a point

after he was axed from the sweeper position.

Adams had played in the 'libero' role for the past two games for Croatia, and had been amongst the best players both times.

Yet against Frankston, Adams was taken away from defence and placed in midfield. His place was taken by John Gardiner, the Victorian State team midfielder who spends most of his time with Croatia as sweeper.

The switch was somewhat puzzling. Adams is a fine, versatile player, but his defensive qualities are his strength.

Gardiner, on the other hand, is

equally effective in midfield as he is in defence. Gardiner's attacking qualities are better than Adams', which is not intended to be a slur on the latter's reputation.

With that in mind, it's strange that Croatia moved perhaps its most creative player into defence for a game it had to win to stay in the race for the State League Cup. Adams meant Croatia lost nothing by switching the two players.

Adams contributed for the full 90 minutes, whereas Murphy had a great start but wasn't such a driving force later in the game.

However, it was in the opening 35 minutes, when Murphy was playing really well, that Croatia sewed up the game.

Essendon pushed forward with considerable pace in the opening, and had Frankston back-peddling. Gardiner made sure the defence didn't give Frankston an inch, while Adams and Murphy created the openings for Carl Gilder and Tommy Cumming.

Gilder was determined to make amends for his performance against Frankston City in the Dockerty Cup final. In that game, lanky City centre half Bob Adams gave Gilder a 'bath'.

However, Gilder turned the tables in this game, and was a dangerous player.

Croatia's first goal came at the 26-minute mark when Ned Batinovic slammed home a volley after the ball dropped to him inside the penalty area.

Batinovic must now be worried about retaining his place in the Essendon team. In the Dockerty Cup final he scored two goals after coming on as a substitute.

His efforts won Croatia the Cup, but still, the young forward was put back in the reserves the next week. Again, he scored but surely, he will not be discarded.

Twelve minutes after Batinovic's goal, Essendon went further ahead when Cumming worked his way in behind the Croatia defence and crossed to the far post, where Gilder had the easy task of heading home.

Those two goals finished Frankston City. The side did come back in the second half, but with not enough urgency to threaten the grip of Essendon. Frankston was disappointing.

Frankston was without key forward Noel Mitten, who had been carrying the forward line in recent weeks. He had undergone a minor operation during the week to remove a boil from his upper thigh area.

He was unable to train, and wasn't able to take his place in the City line-up. He will be available for the final round of the State League Cup on Sunday week.

He was replaced by Goran Runjie, a promising youngster who has a bright future ahead of him.

Coach Freddy Bunce also omitted John Taylor, whose place was taken by Dave Cooper.

Frankston's major problem against Croatia on Sunday was in midfield, where only Ged Bannan was able to assert any influence. His efforts weren't enough to subdue Adams, Murphy and Howard Andrews, who once again had a tidy but unimpressive role.

With the Frankston midfield exerting little pressure on Croatia, the team flew into attack. The off-ball running of Croatia was impressive, and it was able to keep possession and build attacks.

Frankston's problems were compounded when Gilder and Cumming were able to escape their markers - Adams and Vince Bannan - to make the most of the service given to them.

Frankston had few good players, although it was far from shamed by Croatia. Ged Bannan, Tony Young and Frank Petersen did well, and the name Bruce Young would be added to this list if only he had passed the ball more.

Young makes some good runs down the flanks, but by not releasing the ball quickly enough, reduces his own value to the team.

Croatia had many good players. The back four of Gardiner, Steve Kokosa, Steve Short and Ante Blavier, couldn't be faulted, the midfield was strong and Cumming, Gilder and Batinovic all did their jobs.

Even reserve goalkeeper Dime Petrovski did his bit. He was called

into action because of illness to regular Peter Blasby.

Croatia had several good chances to add to its score in the first half. Cumming had only Petersen to beat, but the Frankston goalkeeper saved his side with an excellent reflex save.

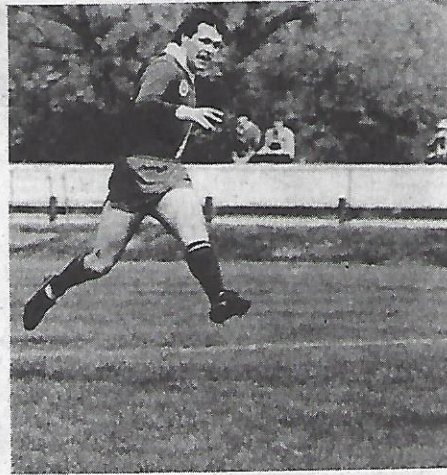
Later, Batinovic shot wide after an Adams pass and Murphy's left foot drive whizzed just over the bar.

Frankston's best efforts came in quick succession. Runjie hit a left foot drive which Petrovski saved, and soon after the Croatia goalkeeper had to tip a header by Kevin Swinscoe over the bar.

The second half saw Frankston edge back, but still be threatened in defence. Batinovic and Cumming both had chances with only Petersen to beat, but failed to convert.

The highlight of the half was perhaps Frank Petersen's brilliant dash up the wing. The City goalkeeper raced off his line to fetch a long ball, beat Gilder and stroke a neat pass to Alex Tulloch.

Maybe he was trying to give his team mates some hints...



Frankston goalkeeper Frank Petersen (right) pounce on shot by Croydon's Dave Brogan. Pictures by

Croydon wastes chances — again!

By KYLE PATTERSON

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 CROYDON CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Crowd: 3000 (double header).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner 6, Petrovski 8, Higham 8, Garthwaite 8, Beech 9 — Cunningham 6 injured (McMillan 6, half time), Faulkner 7, Flavell 6 — Cullen 6, Lesbirel 7, Ward 6.
CROYDON CITY: Edwards 7 — Brown 8, McCombe 9, Pongho 8, Hobson 6 — Spink 7, Smith 6 — Loughane 7, Tront 8, Brogan 6, Willie 8.

Referee: Dixon 6 Cautions: Willie (C).

Croydon City was once again wasteful in attack and lost its chance to score vital goals in this close encounter with Preston Makedonia.

Recess for Cosmos

The State League Cup goes into recess this weekend because of the Victorian v New York Cosmos game.

After the first two cup rounds, Frankston City has been eliminated and Preston Makedonia already has one foot in the door to the final.

Makedonia leads the group table with three points and superior goal difference from Croydon City which also has three points.

Essendon Croatia, the Cup holder, has two points. Croatia plays Croydon in the final round and this game will decide which team makes the final.

Makedonia can afford to draw or suffer a narrow loss in its final round game with Frankston and still qualify for the final.

The only way Makedonia can be knocked out of the final is if Croatia beats Croydon, and Makedonia loses by a minimum of three goals. If this unlikely chain of events occurs, Croatia will be in top place with four points, and Croydon in second place with three points and superior goal average.

Unfortunately, the moves too often came to nothing once faced by the Makedonia defence. The final passes were often lost as defenders closed down Croydon's space.

The problem was not moving the ball forward fast enough, which allowed Makedonia to re-group and

In the opening round of the Stage League Cup, Croydon led 3-0 against Frankston City, but missed several easy chances and in the end had to struggle to win 3-2.

Against Makedonia, Croydon misses two excellent opportunities in the first half which could have sealed the match. I say this because goalkeeping chances in this game were few and far between so one goal could have decided the contest.

The match lacked goalmouth action because of the superiority of both defences. A contributing factor was the inability of both teams to hit quick, precise passes into forward positions.

A draw was a fair result but Croydon is the team which can think back on what might have been. The two great chances came from errors by the Preston defence.

The first came when John Higham, the Preston centre back, was put under pressure and robbed of the ball by Croydon winger Peter Loughane.

Loughane caught the Preston defence square, and ran unimpeded towards goalkeeper Lou Kastner. Instead of shooting, Loughane chose to dribble past Kastner, which he did successfully, but the delay allowed Steve Beech to recover and make an important tackle to clear the danger.

Soon after, Kastner erred to present Croydon's Dave Brogan with a gift. A long clearance by Croydon goalkeeper Mick Edwards went to the other end of the field. Kastner moved off his line, but with Joe Tront applying pressure, he spilled the ball.

Kastner was stranded but Brogan rushed his shot and it sailed high and wide of the open goal.

The error by Higham was his only of the match. He played a sound game, aided by Beech, Dave Garthwaite and Ljube Petrovski.

Croydon's Steve McCombe was a dominating player, with Alan Pongho and Mark Brown also having solid games in defence.

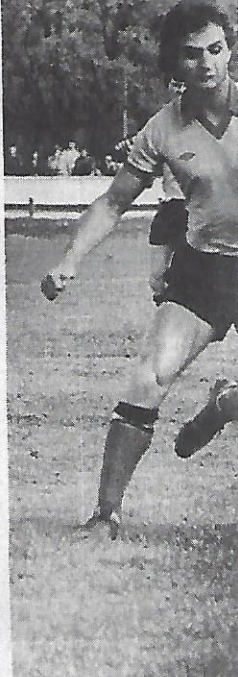
Preston's best chance of the half had come after a defensive error. Pongho attempted to head the ball to Edwards but Robert Cullen nipped in to steal it. However, his shot whistled past the post.

Both defences were well on top, despite the few lapses in concentration which threatened to let the opposition in. Attacking-wise, the team had different problems.

Croydon was on top in the midfield and throughout the match was able to string its passes together. The build-ups were impressive and often involved four or five players in a single movement.

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The problem was not moving the ball forward fast enough, which allowed Makedonia to re-group and



Socceroo Tommy Cumming (right) with Ljube Petrovski of Makedonia.

another danger. By the time Croydon had moved the ball into the scoring zone, Preston was organised and ready for anything.

Jim Willie had an impressive game, wandering between the wing and midfield. He started many moves and showed skill in being his opponent.

Tront was a frustrated player on several occasions as the break of the ball or refereeing decisions went against him at a crucial moment. However, he contributed a lot to the Croydon attacks by being able to constantly be in space to receive a pass or collect a loose ball.

Loughane had a good match but could have done more. Brogan wasn't effective because of the marking by Garthwaite.

Preston's problem was simply inaccurate passing. Forwards Cullen, Gary Ward and later George McMillan were starved of decent service.

Coch Vrzina was critical of his midfield and blamed this department for not feeding the forwards properly.

It is true that Jeff Faulkner, Stuart Cunningham, Gordon Flavell and later Eric Lesbirel failed to play any 'telling' passes but the Preston mid-



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Franz Beckenbauer's greatest pleasures these days are his walks through busy New York on his way to the opera, the museums, concerts, plays or perhaps a restaurant. He doesn't mind at all having to thread his way through the concrete jungle to get to Central Park.

At 34, the 'Kaiser' is experiencing the feeling of anonymity. He can stroll in the busy city streets and not be recognised.

"This would be impossible in Munich," he says, remembering the times when his private life was front page news in West Germany.

Being able to escape the eternal pressures of life in Munich was one of the main reasons Beckenbauer joined the New York Cosmos. Sure, the glamour and the money were enticing, but he had to make the break.

"There are too many papers and magazines in West Germany," he complained. Some would just cover soccer every day, and every day they would cover me. Most of these papers were dirty. I would go to a restaurant and be seated next to a pretty woman. The next day the papers would say I was having an affair with this woman.

"Right or wrong they would print it. I'd be followed into my hotel and even into my bathroom. I never had any peace."

At one time in West Germany, the papers denounced Beckenbauer as a deviate, charged him with adultery, tax evasion and the downfall of slumping Bayern Munich.

When he quit the national team, he was branded a traitor to his country.

"I don't like to remember the 1974 World Cup," said Franz. "Our training camp was like a prison, with barbed wire, dogs, police and roadblocks. There were threats on my life. The players weren't allowed to see their wives and family for four weeks."

"I was starting to think, 'Is it all worth it?' And so Beckenbauer decided to quit West German soccer in 1977. A \$43.8 million deal took him to New York. Beckenbauer's cut was \$41,000,000.

But the real deal as far as Franz was concerned, didn't involve money. He was trading his career at the pinnacle of world soccer for a jaunt in the NASL. In return he won a big bonus: a peaceful private life.

However, it took time to adjust to the comparative insanity of American soccer. Beckenbauer didn't realise how hard it would be.

His first game for the Cosmos was in Florida, against the Tampa Bay Rowdies. The Cosmos flew down from New York in a jet half-filled with journalists and cameramen, all focusing on the 'Kaiser'.

Many of the reporters were covering the event for West German newspapers and television. They continued to hound Beckenbauer but after a month

or two, the novelty wore off. Franz was no longer a 'possession' of the West German public.

He recalls: "Envy is very pronounced in West Germany. Success is hard to earn and even harder to keep. You have to fight off the people trying to bring you down."

Beckenbauer's first game was a shocker. He was under pressure from the outset because he was the new star of the NASL. The game was played in 25 degree heat, and Franz wilted.

The Tampa Bay team ran riot, winning 4-2. Beckenbauer scored a goal, but he walked in a daze because of the intense heat.

On the bus back to the Cosmos' hotel, Pele put a reassuring hand on Beckenbauer's shoulder. Franz just shook his head in disbelief.

"It's something I will never forget," said Franz. "When I woke up the next morning, I pinched myself and asked: 'Franz, were you dreaming?'"

However, he managed to settle in despite the Cosmos having several internal problems.

"Nowhere in the world is there a team like Cosmos," he said. "In my first three weeks with the club, I saw a president fired, a coach fired, fights in the locker room, punches on the field, and I see Pele cry. Unbelievable."

And there were other things Beckenbauer had to get used to.

"In Europe, we would know all the players of all the other teams. We would analyse and lay our plans accordingly. But here, we can do nothing because a team may bring in three Portuguese players just before the game."

Beckenbauer was involved in some conflict about his move to midfield.

The coach at the time, Eddie Firmani, made the daring switch.

"Franz is too valuable a player to waste at sweeper," said Firmani. "His vision, his feel, make him the best midfielder in the world. If only he wanted to play that position."

Franz was diplomatic in his approach to the problem.

"I like to play midfield, but I like to play sweeper better," he said shrewdly. "In the midfield, my vision is limited. I touch the ball maybe 30 times a game. At sweeper I would have the whole field in front of me, and would be in possession about 80 or 90 times a game," Beckenbauer had another complaint of Firmani. "He would always go to Chingila for advice, and ignore me and other players."

Beckenbauer played in the midfield but there was always a question mark over his desire, to give his all in this position.



Cosmos star Vladislav Bogicevic on a visit to Australia in 1977, when he was captain of Red Star Belgrade. He is pictured shaking hands with Peter McCann, then president of the NSW Federation.

Welcome back, Bogicevic!

Vladislav Bogicevic, the talented Yugoslav midfielder of the New York Cosmos, is no stranger to Australian soil.

In 1977, he played seven games here when his club Red Star Belgrade made two tours.

The first involved three games against the Australian national team and a match against the South Australian State team.

The second tour was for the 'World of Soccer' tournament, which involved the Socceros, Red Star of Belgrade, Celtic of Glasgow and Arsenal of London.

Red Star reached the final of the tournament but went down to Celtic at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Bogicevic, as a former captain of Yugoslavia and Red Star, will have many supporters during the Cosmos tour of Australia.

He made 503 appearances for Red Star after his debut at the age of 15 in 1965.

As captain, he led Red Star to five Yugoslav championships and four Yugoslav Cup triumphs.

Like many of the other Cosmos players, Bogicevic has played in a World Cup final tournament. In fact, he was the first player to kick a ball in competition in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Yugoslavia opened the championships in '74 against Brazil and it was Bogicevic who started the match at the kick-off. He regards this moment as his biggest thrill in soccer.

In all, he made 47 appearances for the Yugoslav national team.



The two super stars of the 1974 World Cup, Johan Cruyff (left) and Franz Beckenbauer, opposing captains in the final.



Franz Beckenbauer (top, centre) and other German players congratulate Gard Mueller who has just scored against Yugoslavia in the 1974 World Cup finals. From left: Rainer Bonhof, Beckenbauer, Heinz Flohe and Berti Vogts.



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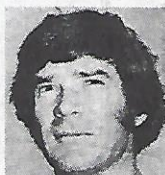
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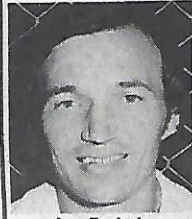
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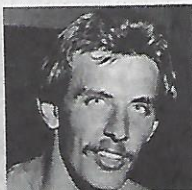
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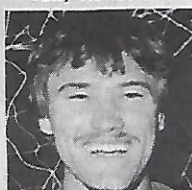
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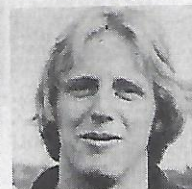
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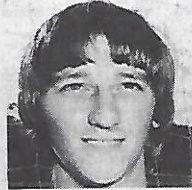
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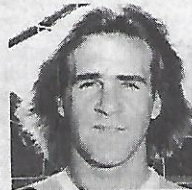
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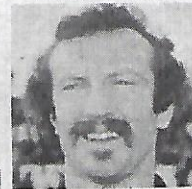
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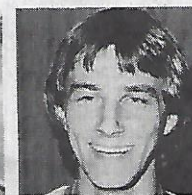
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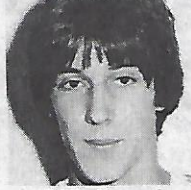
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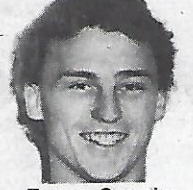
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Tommy Cumming



Rudi Gutendorf, coach.



Roberto Echeverria (left) watches his Brisbane City and Soccerroo team mate John Coyne try a bicycle kick. Centre is Jim Hermiston of Brisbane Lions.

The likely Australian team, with shirt numbers, for the game against Cosmos in Sydney:

1. Woodhouse
2. Perry 5. Prskalo 4. Henderson 3. Tansey
8. Boden 6. Coyne 10. Rooney
7. Sharne 9. Jankovics 11. Cumming

Likely substitutions: Russell for Perry, Echeverria for Prskalo, Cole for Jankovics.

Rudi Gutendorf has chosen the following 20 players for the tour of China and South Korea next month and the match against Cosmos at Sydney Showgrounds next Wednesday:

(Key to abbreviations: g - senior games for Australia, fi - full internationals, g - goals for Australia in senior games, y - youth internationals, yg - goals in youth internationals).

GREG WOODHOUSE, goalkeeper, came through the Western Suburbs junior ranks and was one of the players to move to APIA when Wests pulled out of the

Philips League early this year. 3g/11/0g/7y/0yg.

MARTYN CROOK, goalkeeper, joined West Adelaide from Para Hills in 1975 and has been named in the "Soccer Action" Team of the Year for the past three seasons. Trialled with Middlesbrough in England in 1977. No previous games for Australia.

STEVE PERRY, full back or sweeper, product of NSW State League club Sutherland Shire from where he shifted to Western Suburbs and then to his present club, Brisbane City. Played his first game for Australia against Greece last year. 3g/0/0g/0y.

BOBBY RUSSELL, full back or stopper, joined Adelaide City early this year from Sydney Croatia. No previous games for Australia.

ROBERTO ECHEVERRIA, libero, midfielder or forward, came from Argentina in early 1977 to join St. George, from where he moved to his present club, Brisbane City. No previous games for Australia.

IVO PRSKALO, sweeper, 1979 "Soccer Action" Player of the Year, captain of Australian champion team Marconi. Played 390 games with Velez Mostar in Yugoslavia before coming here in 1977 and represented Yugoslavia 11 times at B level. 1g/0/0g/0y.

TONY HENDERSON, stopper, sweeper or midfielder, joined Marconi early this year from Canberra City for \$14,000. Born in England and played in South Africa before coming to Australia. 3g/1/0g/0y.

ARNO BERTOGNA, centre back, full back or midfielder,

joined Newcastle KB United this year from Perth. Was in West Germany early this year for extra coaching. 1g/0/0g/0y.

JIM TANSEY, left back, played for South Liverpool in England before joining Victorian club Slavia in 1974. Won the Victorian Rothmans Medal in 1976 and switched to his present club, Heidelberg United the following year. 19g/7/0g/0y.

KEN BODEN, forward or midfielder, Sydney City, voted 1978 Australian Player of the Year. Equal top scorer in the PSL last season, switched recently to Sydney City. Came to Australia from England in early 1978. 2g/0/0g/0y.

JOE SENKALSKI, forward or midfielder, product of Newcastle soccer who left in early 1977 to try his luck with Sydney Olympic in the PSL but returned early this year to play for Newcastle KB United. 0g/3y/0y.

JOHN COYNE, midfielder or defender, Brisbane City, Englishman who tried his luck with the New York Cosmos in one of their world tours before joining Brisbane City in 1977. No previous games for Australia.

JIMMY ROONEY, midfielder, Heidelberg United, one of the all-time greats of Australian soccer. Born in Scotland, where he played for Montrose, he won the Victorian Argus Medal while with Lions in 1968 and added the Australian Player of the Year award while captain of Marconi in 1977. In between he was with Prague and APIA. 84g/45/1/6g/0y.

PETER SHARNE, forward,



Newcastle's Arno Bertogna in action.

worked his way up from Marconi's third grade side, had a serious spinal injury in 1975 but fought back to become one of the nation's greatest forwards. 7g/3/0g/0y.

MARK JANKOVICS, forward or midfielder, joined Marconi from St. George in early 1978. Top scorer in the PSL this year, with 18. 7g/2/1/1g/0y.

EDDIE KRNCVIC, forward or midfielder, had a brief but spectacular senior career as a regular goalscorer with Essendon Croatia before joining Marconi early last year. 2g/1/0g/7y/6yg.

PHIL O'CONNOR, forward, played in England for Luton Town before coming to Australia to join Wollongong City in 1975. Transferred to St. George for \$9,000 in early 1977. 5g/3/0g/0y.

GARY COLE, forward, Heidelberg United, had four years with Ringwood City in the Victorian State League before joining Heidelberg, and is the top scorer on aggregate over the first three years of the PSL. 3g/0/1/1g/2y/0yg.

TOMMY CUMMING, forward or midfielder, came from Scotland in early 1976 to join Sunshine City from where he switched to Essendon Croatia in early 1978. Has won the Victorian Rothmans Medal two years in a row is consistently among the best players in the successful Victorian State team. 1g/0/0g/0y.

JOHN NYSKOHUS, forward, joined Adelaide City from Lions (SA) in early 1977, when the PSL started. Apart from Rooney, he is the most experienced international in the squad. 34g/18/1/4g/0y/0yg.

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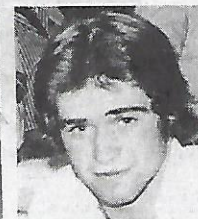
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Brazil went into the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany as world champion, but the South Americans were to be one of the greatest disappointments of the tournament.

Under coach Mario Zagalo, Brazil adopted a defensive approach in a bid to retain its crown, a radical change when previous Brazilian national teams had been known for an almost 'free-form' attacking style.

Brazil finished in fourth place after losing the third-place play-off to Poland; the team that surprised everyone in the tournament.

Fourth place would be enough to satisfy some countries, but not Brazil. The country would outright the Jules Rimet Trophy (the original World Cup) after three victories — 1958, '62 and '70.

The country had produced some of the greatest players ever seen — Pelé, Garrincha, Nilton and Djalma Santos and Tostao. So 1974 was a failure for Brazil. However, there were two players who stood out in the squad of Zagalo.

The first was powerful centre back Luis Pereira, and the other, blond full back Francisco Marinho. Marinho played his football the Brazilian way. Although he was a defender, he was known for his brilliant forward play, which is not to say his defensive qualities were lacking.

The fact that he was prepared to do the unpredictable made him one of the players of the tournament. The play of Pereira typified the new, defensive Brazil.

But Marinho had all the old flair which made footballers from Brazil unique. He dashes up the flank, his dribbling and his goal-scoring ability made him invaluable to his team.

The fact he had blonde hair, and explosive pace made him stand out even more. Marinho drifted in and out of the Brazilian national team after the 1974 World Cup. He missed the 1978 World Cup finals, in which Brazil finished third.

However, his reputation was great enough for Cosmos to sign the player from Fluminense of Rio de Janeiro early this year. It was Pelé who had tied up the deal.

In 1978 he had scored 28 goals for Fluminense, and his career total is over the 150-mark, an incredible achievement for a defender.

Marinho was given a good grounding for a professional career when he joined Botafogo in

Marinho: defender with the Latin flair for attack



Disco dancing? Francisco Marinho (right) of Brazil, confronts Robert Gadocha of Poland in the 1974 World Cup play-off for third place. Behind him is Grzegorz Lato, top scorer of the tournament.

1972 and came under the guidance of the great Nilton Santos.

Before joining Botafogo he'd been with Riachuelo of Natal, and later played with ABC of Natal. He also played with Nautico of Recife.

Marinho made his national debut in 1973 against Sweden during a European tour. In all, he made 48 full international appearances for Brazil, including the 1978 Bicentennial Tournament in the United States.

Marinho's reputation in Brazil was such that when Fluminense bought him from Botafogo, three national squad players — Gil, Paulo Cesar and Rodrigues Neto — were transferred from Fluminense to Botafogo.



The two Brazilian aces, Carlos Alberto (left) and Francisco Marinho, discuss tactics just before kick-off.



RALE RASIC

When we announced to the players of Adelaide City that they would be playing against the New York Cosmos, there was absolute silence in the dressing room — a general air of disbelief.

Smiles began to spread as the news sank in and soon the room was full of beaming faces.

To the players, to the club and to the public in Adelaide, this is the greatest event in South Australian sports history.

Olympic Sports Field holds about 28,000 people and it should be almost packed for the big match on Sunday week.

A Press match at 2 pm will keep the early birds entertained. Kick-off of the main match is 3.30 pm.

There has been some cynicism about the Cosmos' visit and some misgivings about the \$50,000 match fee they are charging. One columnist in Sydney asked whether the Cosmos were worth even \$10.

In response, I ask: What is it worth to see \$100 million worth of the finest players that world soccer has produced?

What is it worth to see legendary personalities like Beckenbauer, Chingaglia, Carlos Alberto, Bogicovic and Neeskens who have entertained world audiences for so many years?

This is the one and only time to see so many giants together in the same team. Only if you can afford the fare to New Jersey can you afford to miss seeing the Cosmos while they're here.

I'm proud to be a part of the visit, so am my players and the leaders of Adelaide City who have shown great courage in going into a most expensive venture.

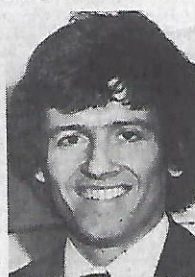
The players will feel as tall as the tallest trees when they line up on the Olympic Sports

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The Adelaide City squad, with shirt numbers, for the game against Cosmos at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday, October 28:

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| 2. Bobby Russell | 10. John Nyskohus |
| 3. John Perin | 11. Chris Kent |
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| 5. Bugsey Nyskohus | 13. Gary Marocchi |
| 6. Sergio Melta | 16. John Besir |
| 7. Agenor Muniz | 17. Charlie Villani |
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| | 20. Rick Migliaccio |



Gary Marocchi, who is in great form with Adelaide City.

Field pitch alongside men like Wim Rijbergen, Dennis Tuert and Francisco Marinho.

For me, it will be the chance to renew acquaintances with Franz Beckenbauer and Dr. Mezzel, two men I last met during the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974.

Beckenbauer was then captain of West Germany, which won the Cup, beating Australia 3-0 on the way, and Dr. Mezzel was one of the coaches with the Brazilian national team.

After Cosmos' visit, I will fly to the U.S. to spend time studying their administration and promotion procedures.

Officials of other codes and the media in Adelaide have shown tremendous interest in the Cosmos' visit. Leading lights in other codes have been among the first to order tickets.

The Cosmos will run a coaching clinic for youngsters at Olympic Sports Field on Friday, October 26 and have given us their assurance that they will co-operate with us in any promotional activities we may come up with. Already we have arranged a reception at an exclusive restaurant and we have players driving prestige

cars through Adelaide, bearing advertising signs for the game.

Vladislav Bogicovic, the former captain of Yugoslavia and Red Star Belgrade will get a big reception here. The Adelaide public remembers him well for his brilliant performance in Red Star's 6-0 victory over South Australia some years ago.

The reaction to this game proves that the public is hungry for glamor and for entertainment. They will pay top money in order to see the best, so let's hope that in future, we have tours by only the very best.

When Bobby Russell joined Adelaide City from Sydney Croatia early this year, he made it clear to me that his primary ambition was to play for the Socceroos.

His dream came true when national coach Rudi Gutendorf selected him for the tour of China and South Korea.

It is fair reward for Russell's effort and dedication.



Dixie Deans, sure to trouble Cosmos.

Schoolboys v NSW youth

The Australian schoolboys team will play against a New South Wales youth squad in the curtain-raiser to the Australia v New York Cosmos clash in Sydney on Wednesday, October 24.

The schoolboys were selected from among the best players who competed in the national schoolboys title won by Victoria in Brisbane in August.

The squad is: Charlie Yankos, Steve Blair, Daryl Gooch,

Oscar Crino (Victoria), Grant Lee, Peter Raach, David Sken, David Smith, Peter Vale, Ian Watson (NSW), Brett Beves, Gary Phillips, Howard Tredinnick (Northern NSW), Tony Burley, Ross Swan, David Whyte (Queensland).

Alberto still in the shadows

Carlos Alberto, the libero of the New York Cosmos team, has been living in the shadows of illustrious team mates for most of his career.

His career playing 'second fiddle' began in 1966 when he joined Santos from Fluminense. Pelé, the greatest player of all-time, was the King of Santos and so Alberto took a back seat.

In 1970, he earned the rare honor of captaining a World Cup-winning team when Brazil won the Mexico tournament. But the names Pelé and Tostao were the names to hit the headlines.

Even when he joined the Cosmos, he was dubbed the 'Beckenbauer of Brazil'. Normally, this would be a great honor for a player, but when the real Beckenbauer of West Germany plays in the same team, the tag is no longer an honor.

Seeing it is Alberto who holds the libero position ahead of Beckenbauer, it would perhaps be appropriate if the latter was dubbed the 'Alberto of West Germany'.

However, it's unlikely that Carlos has ever worried about his position. Watch the way he moves with precision and little flash on the field, and you will see he's a calm, cool character.

Alberto goes about his job with quiet efficiency. No shouting, or frantic waving at fellow defenders, just a subtle gesture to direct his defence.

And you will rarely see Alberto rushed on the field. His movements are smooth and calculated, and that's why he is so good as the last man in the Cosmos defence.

Alberto again remained out of the spotlight this season. Many considered him to be the first player in the NASL but New England Tea Men forward Mike Flanagan earned the title of Most Valuable Player.

Shep Messing, the former Cosmos goalkeeper now with Oakland Stompers, is full of praise for Alberto.

"Carlos never loses his poise," said Messing. "Everybody looks to him for direction, and he can do this with one or two words or a simple gesture."

"He's got a sixth sense when it comes to spotting danger. When he played in front of me, 50% of the balls that would normally get through to me were cut off by Alberto. He allowed me to protect my goal much more, because I didn't have to take any chances."

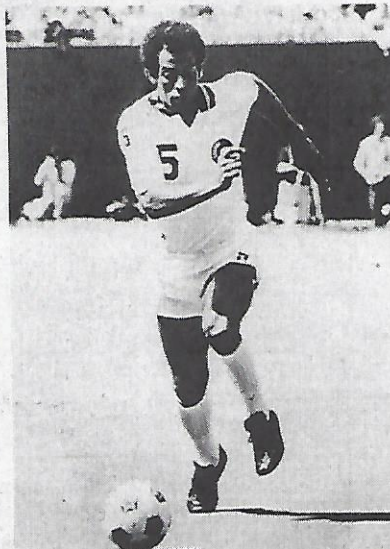
"I could always depend on him to clear a dangerous situation. He made my job so much easier. I was surprised when he didn't win the MVP award. In my opinion, he deserved it."

However, because of the way he goes about his task with little fuss, Alberto didn't get the recognition he deserved. In fact, he's probably best remembered for his attacking efforts during the season than his defensive qualities.

Alberto came to the rescue of Cosmos in a 1978 shoot-out against Minnesota Kicks. Defeat would have meant that Cosmos was eliminated from the play-offs.

Chico Hamilton had scored the only goal with only three shots to come. Alberto was the second last Cosmos kicker, and knew he had to perform.

With his usual poise, Alberto dribbled forward, sold a dummy to the Kicks' goalkeeper and planted the ball in the back of the net.



Carlos Alberto, captain of the Brazil team that beat Italy 4-1 in the 1970 World Cup final in Mexico City.

Franz Beckenbauer converted the Cosmos last shoot-out goal, and the New York club eliminated Minnesota.

Alberto's career with the Cosmos started when he played four games on loan at the end of the 1977 season. At the beginning of the next season, he was transferred outright from Cosmos of Brazil.

Carlos started out with Fluminense, went to Santos and then returned to Fluminense before moving to Flamengo.

He played 73 times for Brazil in a proper career in the national team.

He was named NASL defensive player of the year in 1978.

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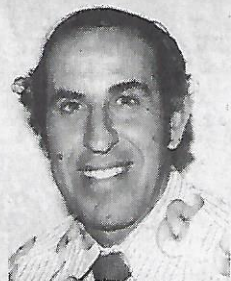
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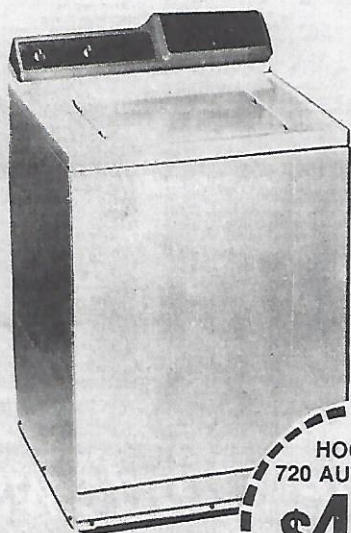
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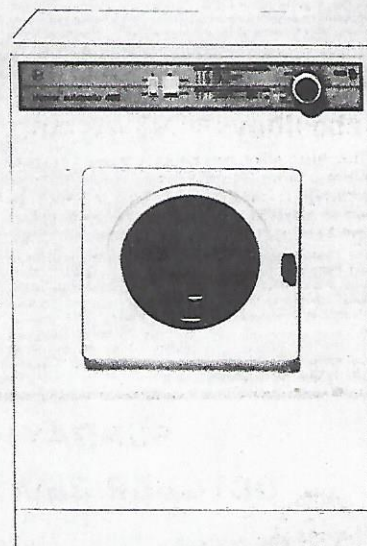
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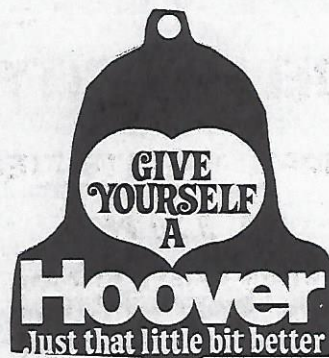


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RIJSBERGEN, NEESKENS IN GREAT DUTCH TEAM



• A decisive moment in the 1974 World Cup final between West Germany and Holland. Wim Jansen (No. 6) of Holland, trips Germany's Bernd Hoenenbein, conceding a penalty from which Germany equalised at 1-1. Hoenenbein had already beaten Arie Haan (No. 2) and was dashing past Wim Rijsbergen (No. 17) who is now with the Cosmos. The goalkeeper is Jan Jongbloed. West Germany went on to win 2-1 with a goal by Gerd Mueller.



Johan Neeskens (standing, third from left) with Spanish team Barcelona just before he switched to the Cosmos. Standing from left: Artula, de la Crue, Neeskens, Zuviria, Olmo, Migueli; front: Esteben, Weredia, Krankl, Asensi, Martinez.



The New York Generals were the first NASL franchise in New York, but had a brief and unprofitable existence before folding in 1968, heavily in debt.

The experience of watching the Generals struggle to draw decent crowds convinced many that soccer wouldn't make it in New York. For two years after the Generals collapsed, New York didn't have a franchise of the NASL.

There weren't any signs to suggest that New York would become a soccer city. However, in 1970, Warner Communications Incorporated acquired the New York franchise of the NASL.

It was rumored at the time that the franchise cost Warner a mere \$15,000, and that the giant organization would be using the soccer franchise as a tax write-off.

Many predicted that the new club, the Cosmos, would have a similar fate to that of the Generals. However, in the Spring of 1971, the Cosmos took its first tender steps forward.

President of the club was Neaht Ertegun, with his brother Ahmet and Rafael de la Sierra as vice-presidents. All three were near the top of the Warner Communications tree. Gordon Bradley was the first coach, and Clive Tove the first general manager. Leading players were Randy Horton, voted Rookie of the Year in 1971, Barry Mahy and Johnny Kerr.

The initial season saw the Cosmos playing its home games at Yankee Stadium, but the crowds were poor.

This prompted a move to the Hofstra University field. The field was 30 minutes from New York City, and this didn't encourage masses of support. Again the Cosmos survived with minimal crowd attendances.

However, on the field, Cosmos was booming. Horton, voted the Most Valuable Player of the NASL in 1972, again was the trump card.

Assisting him were Everal Cummings, Willie Mfum, player-coach Bradley and a bright, young prospect, American-born Werner Roth.

Cosmos defeated Dallas in a play-off, and then took the NASL crown by defeating St. Louis Stars in front of a small crowd at Hofstra field.

The Cosmos stayed at Hofstra field in 1973, but there was no improvement. The people of New York weren't interested in soccer, and weren't prepared to drive 30 minutes to support the Cosmos. The media ignored Cosmos, too.

If ever the Cosmos were going to fold, as the sceptics predicted, it was in 1974.

The Cosmos moved to Downing Stadium which was a crumbling, ancient facility built in 1930s. It was hard to get to, even though just on the edge of the city, and was very uncomfortable.

The attendances were very poor. What's more, the team suffered and crashed to have its worst season in the NASL.

The Cosmos won only four games and lost 14. The Cosmos was in a sick and sorry state, facing a bleak future. The Warner team knew that something must be done. Either the team would be built up, or it would fold up.

The braintrust showed it meant business. It was figured, that to attract people to soccer, the world's biggest attraction was needed. The name Pele was instantly brought out.

The biggest obstacle was that Pele was in retirement. Could he be lured to New York to play with a team that was struggling? The challenge of making soccer, the game he loved, into America's No. 1 sport was enough to inspire Pele.

The results were amazing. His first home game with the Cosmos drew 18,000 people, and in the next few weeks crowds of 58,000 (in Seattle), 42,000 (in Tampa Bay) and 52,000 (in Minneapolis) saw the magic one.

Pele was the ingredient the NASL needed. Not only was he the best soccer player in the world, he had worldly appeal.

The Dutch national team of the 1974-78 era would have to be the best team not to win a World Cup.

No other country has lost successive World Cup finals, as the hapless Dutch did in 1974 and '78.

A World Cup would have been just reward, as the Dutchman played, some magnificent soccer during the two World Cup tournaments they lost, and gave the world some of the best players seen.

Johan Cruyff was the master of the 1974 team, but he retired after the failure in West Germany. John Neeskens then took over as the general of the team for the '78 bid, but again the Dutch failed.

More the pity for Holland that in both World Cup finals, it was faced by the host nation. Playing the most important soccer game on the home ground of the opponents is one mighty big barrier to overcome.

Still, the Dutch will be remembered for pioneering a new brand of football. The wave started in the early '70s when Dutch club Ajax Amsterdam, under the astute coaching of Rinus Michels, dominated European soccer and won the European Champions' Cup several years in succession.

The new brand of football was named 'total football'. This was because all positions are flexible, giving the team 11 attackers and 11 defenders, with perhaps the centre back being the only player tied to a rigid plan.

Cruyff and Neeskens were the driving forces of the Ajax team. It was typical that when Cruyff, Neeskens and Michels combined in the national team in 1974, the style of play engineered by Ajax prevailed.

Ernst Happel was coach of the unsuccessful Dutch team of 1978. The New York Cosmos has two players who were key figures in the great Dutch teams of 1974-78. Neeskens joined the NASL club from Barcelona, and Wim Rijsbergen, the tight-marking defender, joined from Bastia of France.

Neeskens, the ace midfielder, has spent several seasons in Spain, and followed his Barcelona team mate Cruyff to the NASL.

Rijsbergen was known as one of the best markers in the game. He has marked the best in the world — Krankl, Keegan, Mueller and even Cruyff.

Neeskens has 46 caps for Holland, and Rijsbergen 30. Both are still in their 20s, and good enough to play top soccer anywhere in the world.

Rijsbergen started his career with Dutch Second Division team Pec Zwollen, and later transferred to Feyenoord, which won many European and Dutch domestic honors during his stay.

Neeskens won European Cup and World Cup championship winners' medals with Ajax before transferring to Barcelona. There he won a European Cup Winners' Cup medal.



Atti Abonyi

'Roos in shoot out

Some of the greatest names in Australian soccer will take part in the "spectacular" planned for the Showground on Wednesday October 24.

Australia will take on the Cosmos in a shoot-out competition before the main game.

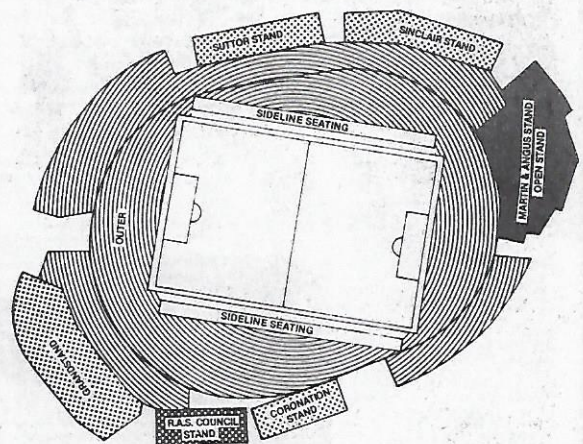
Australia will be represented by Atti Abonyi, Col Curran, John Watkins and Ron Corry against the Cosmos reserves for the night.

In the American style shoot-out players have five seconds to dribble the ball from 35 yards and score.

Cosmos defender Wim Rijsbergen (right) playing for Holland, is too late to stop Scotland's Joe Jordan from heading towards goal, above 'keeper Jan Jongbloed, in the 1978 World Cup finals.



A good view for all



Every spectator in covered seating at the Sydney Showground will get a side-on view of the soccer spectacular between New York Cosmos and the Australian national team on October 24.

The pitch will be laid out with the goals at the north-east and south-west ends, overlooked by the open stands.

There is spectator accommodation across the trotting track and on to the grass, so that the crowd will be close to the game, as in Europe, Britain and South America.

The Showground has been chosen because it offers more covered seating than the Sportsground, and much better amenities for spectators.

There are many more and much better refreshment facilities — including restaurants — even the toilets are much better — and there are more of them.

The Showground can accommodate a much larger crowd — at least 43,000.

The Sydney Cricket Ground is not available because it is required for cricket.

In the curtain-raiser the Australian Schoolboys meet NSW under 18s.

This match will give the public their first chance to see many of the boys who will represent Australia in the World Youth Cup here in 1981.

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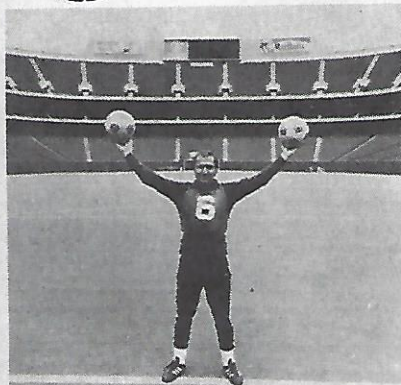
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If the North American Soccer League were a royal palace, the decorated throne would surely be reserved for Pele, the King who built up the great empire.



Former Manchester City star Dennis Tueart at Giants Stadium, home of the Cosmos.

Hamstring injury plagues Tueart

A recurring hamstring muscle injury has plagued Dennis Tueart during his two-year career with the New York Cosmos.

Tueart, the English international forward, missed 10 games with a pulled hamstring in 1978, and has been sidelined from time to time with minor strains.

Tueart suffered a shoulder injury early in his career with Cosmos. However, Tueart was born and bred in the tough northern England city of Sunderland, and will shake off these setbacks.

He received plenty of knocks during his 333-game career in English professional soccer with Sunderland and Manchester City.

At the age of 17 he turned 'pro' with Sunderland, and earned fame when Sunderland made the FA Cup final in 1973. Sunderland, then in the Second Division, was faced by mighty Leeds Utd.

Sunderland caused a great shock by winning 1-0, and the performances of Tueart had not gone unnoticed. Manchester City bought him for a record \$A450,000.

After helping Sunderland capture to FA Cup at Wembley Stadium, Tueart returned there for the 1976 League Cup final against Newcastle Utd.

A spectacular bicycle kick by Tueart brought the winning goal for City, and the quick striker with the powerful shot was on his way to full England honors.

He played for England seven times. During his career in league football, he scored 108 goals.

And the black knight of the empire would be Giorgio Chinaglia, the flamboyant and colorful goalscoring champion of the New York Cosmos.

Whereas Pele was rightfully loved by all, Chinaglia is the millionaire who has as many admirers as he does enemies. He's moody but supremely confident and above all, he's the boss.

A recent incident at the Cosmos' Giants Stadium showed that no one got away with making jokes about Chinaglia's reputation. Giorgio, The Enforcer, makes sure of that.

At a training session, Chinaglia was involved in some shooting practice. He was distracted by some bawling abuse from an Italian-speaking maintenance worker at the stadium.

Chinaglia ordered the worker to shut up. Being an Italian himself, he had understood the full meaning of the outburst.

Later, when a shot ballooned over the bar and into the stands, three workers jeered. Chinaglia stared coldly at the three offenders, giving a final warning. Unfortunately for the workers, they didn't heed that warning.

So Chinaglia stormed into the stands and started a shouting match with his tormentor. The confrontation turned into an all-in brawl, with the three workers battling against some late Cosmos players.

The result: three injured workers in hospital. One had been pushed down a flight of stairs by the Chinaglia "gang".

The only Cosmos player to suffer an injury was Antonio Carbognani who had a black eye.

Chinaglia's ego was intact after the incident but workers have threatened lawsuits.

Whenever Chinaglia's standing as a superstar is threatened, he takes action. The man demonstrated his great desire to remain a champion when Mike Flanagan, now with Crystal Palace, had the gall to challenge Chinaglia as the NASL's top goalscorer.

It wasn't so much Flanagan's rivalry that bugged Chinaglia. It was the fact that Flanagan from struggling English Second Division club Charlton, was a nobody at the time.

Chinaglia hates being challenged by a nobody as much as he hates English soccer. "All they know how to do in England is cross the bloody ball," summed up pretty well his feelings about English soccer.

Chinaglia had been top goalscorer in the NASL since he joined the Cosmos from Italian club Lazio in 1976. He scored 10 in 19 games in 1976 followed it up with 24 in the 30 games the next year and was leading the field comfortably in 1978.

Then Flanagan joined the New England Tea Men. He started scoring at an impressive rate.

Chinaglia 'gang' sends worker to hospital



Giorgio Chinaglia, Cosmos' ace goalscorer, cops a karate chop to the neck.

At first Chinaglia treated Flanagan as though he didn't exist. "It's of no importance to Chinaglia," he would say when told of Flanagan's scoring feats.

That slowly changed. By mid-May, Flanagan had scored 12 goals in nine games to be one ahead of Chinaglia in the scoring stakes.

"He's on a lucky streak," sniffed Chinaglia. How could a Second Division loan player challenge the supremacy of the millionaire star? Flanagan had to be a fluke.

Without saying so, Chinaglia was worried. He started playing with greater determination, as though his life depended on scoring goals.

He played with injuries to stay in the race and became even more demanding on his team mates to supply him with the chances he needed to stay with Flanagan.

He was once overheard saying: "You guys let me down the other night. I need some opportunities. New England is playing everything to Flanagan and you guys give me nothing."

By the start of July, Chinaglia was back in business. He had scored 23 goals, four more than Flanagan.

The big showdown came at Foboro, the base of the New England Tea Men. The Cosmos were chasing the championship but the battle between

Chinaglia and Flanagan was the attraction.

Flanagan was the victor. He scored the goal which gave the New England team a 1-0 win. The following week Flanagan scored an amazing five goals against California to take the lead in the NASL goalscoring table.

Flanagan and Chinaglia ran neck and neck until the Cosmos and the Tea Men met again, this time at the Giants Stadium.

The Cosmos were defending a long unbeaten home run. About 62,000 fans packed the stadium. Flanagan runs out onto the Astro turf to the boos of the fans.

"Chinaglia is soon out in the arena and the boos are even louder. After two seasons as the goals king, he is still not accepted. His style is such that he's loved or hated.

It's a moment of crisis for Chinaglia. The spotlight is on him. Flanagan is earning \$17,000 a year, is in the NASL as a summer holiday lark and is still trying to get used to all the publicity he's receiving.

Chinaglia earns 15 times as much as Flanagan, is not only a top player in the NASL but has money invested in the future of American soccer and is possibly the most talked-about man in the league.

Within two minutes of the kick off, Chinaglia is dealt a body blow. Flanagan intercepts a poor pass in the Cosmos defence and rounds goalkeeper Erol Yesin to score.

The Tea Men dominate the game and Chinaglia is forced to drop back and forage in midfield in order to get the ball near the New England goal.

Then there is the embarrassment of being robbed of the ball by Flanagan, who appears from nowhere, whips the ball from Chinaglia and speeds off into attack.

Chinaglia finally gets the ball into the net in the 88th minute. It's a penalty kick, but does little for Chinaglia or Cosmos. New England wins 3-1.

Afterwards, Chinaglia is sullen. "If I had the service Flanagan gets from his team mates, I'd have 50 goals by now."



As it stands, Chinaglia trails Flanagan by two goals. However, he fights back and draws level on 23 goals.

Fate smiles on Chinaglia in the last games of the season. Flanagan, after playing non-stop in England and America for a year, breaks down. The hamstring goes in his right leg, and he's forced to miss the last two games.

Chinaglia seizes the opportunity and wins the NASL top goalscorer crown with 34 goals to Flanagan's 30.

But to Chinaglia, the victory becomes artificial when the NASL players vote Flanagan the Most Valuable Player. The MVP award carries great prestige. Chinaglia is hurt.

He responds with the following accusation: "Even if I scored 100 goals in a season, I wouldn't be voted MVP."

Chinaglia figures that seeing the majority of players in the NASL are English or Scottish, he has little chance. This annoys him, and he is resentful of the large number of British players in the NASL.

Still, Chinaglia is No. 1. He survived the biggest challenge he's had to face in America yet.

But the hatred still exists. Many of the coaches and players in the league play down Chinaglia.

"When you think of the Cosmos, you think of Beckenbauer and Carlos Alberto," said Al Miller, the coach of Dallas Tornado. "Many players think that if Chinaglia didn't have these players to feed him, he'd struggle to score 15 goals a season."

But the record is there. Chinaglia played in the 1974 World Cup finals in Italy, and led Lazio to the Italian First Division title in Italy in 1974.

Explaining the hatred of him, Chinaglia doesn't dodge anything.

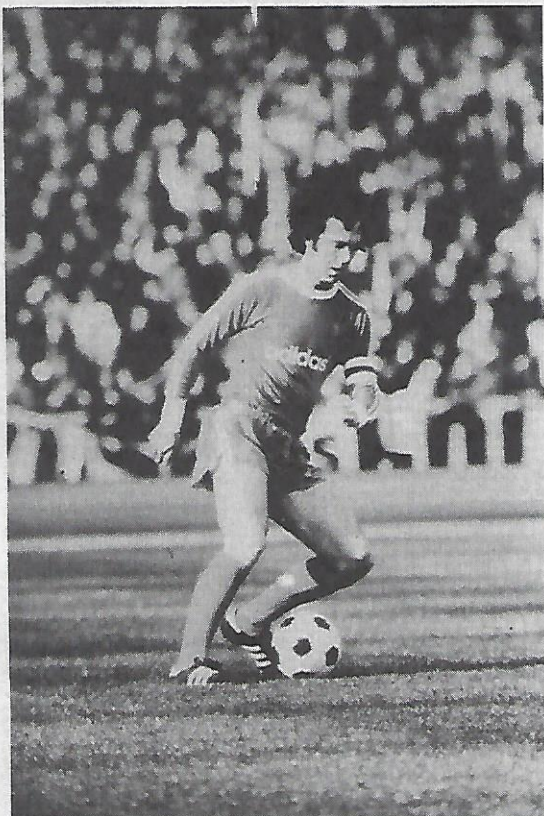
"I'm only human, and so the booing gets me upset," he said. "I'm Chinaglia, and known all over the world, but in the NASL I don't get the recognition I deserve."

"The NASL is against me, and even the fans in the Giants Stadium are against me. I guess it started when the Italians here hated me because I left Lazio. Then the South Americans hated me because I said a few of Cosmos' South American players were lazy."

"The Germans hated me because I said we should buy young American players instead of Beckenbauer. They're all a bunch of ethnic idiots."

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King of Iran's defence

Australian soccer fans had a first-hand view of considerable defensive qualities of Andranik Eskandarian, the New York Cosmos full back, in 1977.

Eskandarian was given the task of shadowing Soccerro striker John Kosmina in the World Cup qualifying game at Olympic Park, Melbourne between Australia and Iran.

Kosmina, at the time, was billed as the greatest Australian-born player seen in this country. However, the close-checking Eskandarian had no time for reputations.

In one of the most complete defensive displays seen in Australia, Eskandarian wiped Kosmina out as a threat to the Iranian goal. With Kosmina ineffective, the Australian forward line was hopeless.

Iran won the game 1-0 with a goal from Rowshan after Australia's Dave Harding had missed a penalty with the score 0-0.

The result set Iran on the path to the 1978 World Cup finals, which proved to be a massive boost to Iranian soccer, and especially to the career of Andranik Eskandarian.

In Argentina, Iran pulled off a major upset by drawing - with the highly-fancied Scotland. Eskandarian had the misfortune of turning the ball into his own net to give Scotland the lead, but countryman Daniel Fard equalized.

In other group games, Iran lost to Peru 1-4, and to Holland 0-3, but clearly the efforts of the inexperienced team had shown the world Iranian soccer had something to offer.



Andranik Eskandarian shows off his ball juggling skill.

Eskandarian rose to international, as did many of his team mates, with his displays in the World Cup finals. After the finals, he was chased by clubs from Europe and America.

He accepted the New York Cosmos offer, and hasn't looked back. He has fitted in well at the full back post, and has received praise for his consistent displays. Eskandarian won 35 international caps with Iran, and played in Olympic Games finals in Montreal in 1976, as well as his World Cup appearances.

His career in club soccer started with Taj in Iran. He was with that club for 10 years before transferring to the Iranian Army team.

With the Iranian Army, he played in the World Army Soccer Games in West Germany in 1974. Other international honors with Iran include Gold Medals in the seventh Asian Games, and Asian Nations Cup.

He was accustomed to the style of the Cosmos before signing with the New York club.

After the World Cup, he played for a World All-stars XI against the Cosmos at the Giants Stadium, and later made a "guest" appearance for the Cosmos against the touring Argentinean team Boca Juniors.

This wasn't the first time he'd been invited to rub shoulders with the world's soccer elite. Previously he'd played in a tournament to mark the 75th anniversary celebrations of Real Madrid.

Mazzei the chief

Professor Julio Mazzei has possibly the toughest, but most enviable position in soccer today.

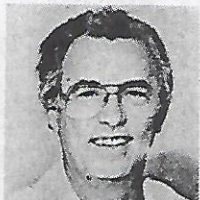
He's head coach of the New York Cosmos and executive vice-president of Soccer Cosmos of America, the junior coaching network run by the Cosmos.

Why is Mazzei's job so tough? Well, imagined having to choose between Carlos Alberto and Franz Beckenbauer for the sweeper position. You then realize that it would be no easy task being in control of a team with a galaxy of stars. Why enviable? Well, at least there's no shortage of talent.

However, Mazzei is an experienced coach. He's a professor of physical education after graduating from Sao Paulo University, and gaining a master's degree at Michigan State University.

He was the first technical director of the NASL. Before coming to the U.S. in 1975, he worked with the Brazilian national team, and top South American clubs Santos and Palmeiras.

It was at Santos in 1965 he began a close friendship with Pele, and it was the latter who brought Mazzei to America in 1975. Mazzei has been an advisor to Pele for the past 18 years.



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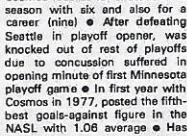
EROL YASIN

GOALKEEPER

6'1" 170 LBS. 10/11/48

NASL YR: 3 COSMOS YR: 3

NASL's second-leading goalkeeper in 1978 with goals against average of 1.13. Established Cosmos records for shutouts in a season with six and also for a career (nine). After defeating Seattle in playoff opener, was knocked out of rest of playoffs due to concussion suffered in opening minute of first Minnesota playoff game. In first year with Cosmos in 1977, posted the fifth-best goals-against figure in the NASL with 1.06 average. Has given Cosmos two years of top-flight goalkeeping. Also played well in postseason bouts of both 1977 and 1978. Joined Cosmos after brilliant career with Galatasaray of Istanbul. Led Galatasaray to four league and three Turkish Cup championships. Played 27 games as goalkeeper for Turkish National Team. Played against Franz Beckenbauer in 1971, when Turkey lost to West Germany 1-0, and also for Galatasaray vs. Bayern Munich in European Cup. Began soccer career as a junior with Istanbulspor. Joined Galatasaray in 1967. Held powerful Atletico Madrid to 0-0 draw in the European Cup tournament, his biggest thrill in soccer. Also had sensational career for Cosmos against Lazio in Rome in 1977, a match won by Cosmos 2-1.



EROL YASIN

GOALKEEPER

5'9" 154 LBS. 7/1/49

NASL YR: 2 COSMOS YR: 2

Joined the Cosmos last June from F.C. Oporto, the Portuguese First Division champion. Made his Cosmos debut vs. Los Angeles. Plays outside right and can cross over to the left. Has explosive speed. Pulled hamstring suffered at Toronto sidelining him through the end of the season and most of the playoffs. Scored his only NASL goal in 5-0 playoff win over Portland. Exhibited his skills and abilities during the Cosmos' post-season tour. Played against Cyprus and Poland, scoring one goal, as Portugal was eliminated in the qualifying round for the 1978 World Cup. Has 12 international appearances to his credit, including games against the national teams of Italy, France and Denmark. Joined Oporto from his hometown club in 1969. Played for the Angolan championship club Mexico in 1973-74. In UEFA Cup appearances has competed against Barcelona, Newcastle, Dundee, Napoli, Panathikos and Brugge. In eight Cup winners Cup matches has gone against Anderlecht, Manchester United, Hamburg, Cologne and Schalke 04. Has also played in friendly matches against Vasco da Gama, Cruzeiro, Corinthian, Penarol and Santos of Brazil. Has scored more than 250 goals during his career, including 11 for Oporto during the 1977-78 season.



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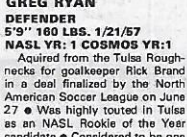
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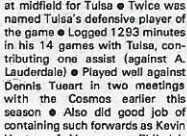
RICK DAVIS

MIDFIELDER

5'8" 155 LBS. 11/24/68

NASL YR: 2 COSMOS YR: 2

One of the North American Soccer League's top young Americans. Saw considerable playing time and gained valuable experience on Cosmos' South American tour. Scored his first Cosmos goal in Argentina in 2-1 victory over Independiente Rivadavia. Played every minute of every game on the U.S. National Team's September tour of Europe. Member of U.S. National and Olympic teams that played Soviet Union in February. Captained the U.S. Olympic "B" team that won the Bellinzona (Switzerland) Easter Tournament in March '78, scoring one goal as the Americans scored a four-game sweep. A versatile performer who can play forward and defense in addition to midfield. Started at forward for National Team in 1977, midfield in 1978. Made his first Cosmos start at New England last July 5th. Played for the University of California at Santa Clara before joining the Cosmos. Signed an Amateur Olympic Registration Form. Hopes to play for U.S. Olympic Team in 1980. Member of the U.S. National Youth Team in 1976, the year he graduated from Santa Clara High School in Claremont, Calif. Played in the Concafc Games in 1976 and was one of two Americans named to the Concafc All-Star Team. High School All-America representative in 1976 and 1976. One of the finest players produced by the U.S. youth programs. Trained with the A.C. Milan first team in Italy the winter of 1977-78. U.S. National Team Coach Walt Chyzowych says he possesses all the dimensions found in an outstanding player.



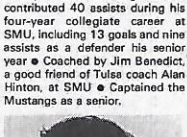
ANTONIO CARBOGNANI

MIDFIELDER

6'1" 176 LBS. 11/5/63

NASL YR: 1 COSMOS YR: 1

Signed with Cosmos in February following his acquisition from Club Barcelona of Guayaquil, Ecuador. First caught Cosmos eye when NASL champions played Barcelona in Guayaquil during tour of South America. Can play either offensive or defensive midfield and is very active. Had played for Barcelona since 1976. Began his pro career with San Telmo of Buenos Aires in 1972. Led San Telmo to the Argentine Second Division Cup championship in 1975 and helped elevate team to the First Division in 1976 before joining Barcelona. Started in the youth program of Huracan of Buenos Aires in 1964, when he was 11 years old. Also played in the youth program of Independiente of Buenos Aires. His Single Nickname is "Tono," the diminutive of Antonio, or "Tony." Born in Buenos Aires.



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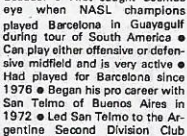
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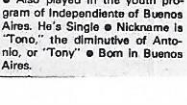
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Ryan, Davis top Americans

The touring Cosmos squad, with shirt numbers:

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- 2 Eskandarian
- 3 Marinho
- 5 Carlos Alberto
- 6 Beckenbauer
- 7 Tueart
- 8 Bogicevic
- 9 Chinaglia
- 11 Serrinho
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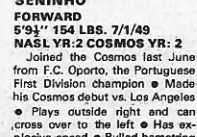
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Re-signed by the Cosmos June 8th and was named Defensive Player of Game in first start two days later vs. Dallas. His playing time in 1978 was limited in large part due to injuries. A badly sprained ankle suffered in training at mid-season caused him to miss several games. Was a durable competitor in 1977, finishing third on the Cosmos in minutes played to Pele and Giorgio Chinaglia. Played every minute of six playoff games that year and saw action in one playoff contest in 1978. Often called on to be a Cosmos shootout participant. Scored his only NASL goal against St. Louis in 1977. Was a teammate of Pele's at Santos of Brazil, the club with which he began his career in 1970. Played on Santos' 1973 championship squad. Was recommended to the Cosmos by Pele. Made numerous international appearances with Santos. Played both mid-field and defense in 1977, but concentrated solely on defense in 1978. Primarily a defensive defender, but will shoot it the opportunity presents itself.



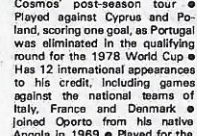
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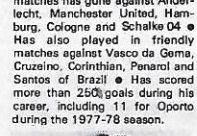
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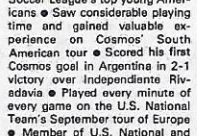
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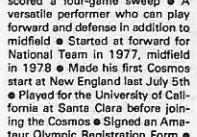
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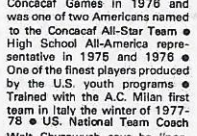
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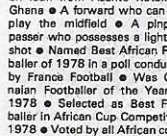
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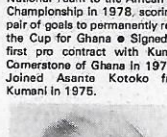
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BOZIKIS HERO OF COLLEGE

Victorian Federation Cup final: COLLINGWOOD CITY 3 (Batticiotto 11th, Bozikis 20th, Nicolaides pen 42nd). KEILOR AUSTRIA 1 (Bellar 1st) at Wembley Park, Box Hill. Crowd: 600.

COLLINGWOOD: Denis 6 - Stogiannou 7, Batticiotto 8, Koulakas 7, Loukas 7 - B. Gatzionis 8, T. Gatzionis 7, Pagliuso 7 - Nicolaides 7, Bozikis 9, Ignatidis 7.

AUSTRIA: Bryden injured (Graham 6, 12th min) - Altmann 6, Werbo 6, Brewerton 6, Johnston 7 - Sheaffner 6, Grbac 5, Ganglmair 5 - Feretis 6, Craig 7, Bellar 6.

Referee: Colin Tuffield 7. **Cautions:** Brewerton, Altmann, Grbac (AI), T. Gatzionis (C). **Keilor Austria did not recover after an error by goalkeeper Wally Bryden allowed Collingwood's Giovanni Batticiotto to head an equalising goal in the 11th minute.**

Bryden suffered a shoulder injury when he went for a high ball with Collingwood's George Bozikis. He received treatment but elected to carry on. Play was restarted with the corner kick Bryden had conceded when clearing from Bozikis. The corner kick floated over and Bryden was in the ideal position to grab it. However, he couldn't move his injured shoulder, and this allowed Batticiotto to head a goal. The goal stunned Austria. The distressed Bryden walked straight from the field after conceding the goal to be replaced by former Juventus goalkeeper Hugh Graham.

Austria coach Frank McAleer had a few angry words with Bryden as he slowly walked from the field. "I could lift it a minute ago," claimed the upset Bryden as he left the field, "but when the corner came across I couldn't move." He later appeared with his arm in a sling.

The injury was a cruel blow to Keilor. It had whitewashed Collingwood in the opening 10 minutes and had taken the lead. The goal came in the first minute when a long pass from John Webb found Angelo Feretis, whose shot was only parried by City goalkeeper Vic Donis.

Ray Bellar was on hand to tap the ball into the empty net.

In the next 10 minutes, Austria raced forward with George Craig and Angelo Feretis menacing up front, and Webb and Tom Brewerton dominant in defence.

However, Collingwood was beginning to get its short passing game

going. Its confidence was given a great boost by the equalising goal. Austria, by comparison, became instantly demoralised. Instead of fighting back, Austria slumped and was rattled.

Collingwood took over in mid-field. The Gatzionis brothers, Tony and Bill, and Phil Pagliuso dominated. They started attacks with quick one-twos, accurate short passes and skilful dribbles into attack.

They gave great service to forward George Bozikis, who was easily man-of-the-match. Bozikis wandered around the forward line, losing his marker and displaying a combination of skill and strength to carve open the Austria defence.

Austria's main problem was in mid-field. Radl Sheaffner, George Grbac and Guenter Ganglmair failed to mark their opponents. They allowed Collingwood a free run in this department, and the skilful City players ran riot once given the room.

The Austria midfielders made the mistake of falling back into a line with their defenders. They sacrificed the midfield area, meaning forwards Craig Feretis and Bellar were starved of the ball.

Collingwood played some grand soccer in this first half. Despite the muddy conditions and the often robust challenges from the Austria defenders, Collingwood continued to play a short-passing game which had Austria bewildered.

The only criticism of Collingwood is that it didn't know when to stop playing short. The team got itself into unnecessary trouble by continually trying to play the ball out of defence.

It was dangerous, but attractive soccer. Austria had concentrated on a long-ball game in the first 10 minutes. It was successful, but the ball rarely went to the Austria forward line once Collingwood got on top in the first half.

In the second half, Austria came at Collingwood, but persisted with long balls. The tactics succeeded in applying pressure on the Collingwood defence, but the results may have been achieved had Austria fought fire with fire — by playing the ball on the deck, and building up moves.

Collingwood went into the lead in the 20th minute. Mike Stogiannou moved down from full back, accepted a short corner, then sent a pinpoint cross into the area. Bozikis was there to powerfully head the ball past Graham.

Collingwood continued in attack, and again it was Bozikis who made the vital move. He drifted back into mid-field and played a great long pass which sent John Nicolaides clear of the Austria defence.

Nicolaides rounded Graham but was tripped as he was about to slot the ball into the net. Referee Colin Tuffield had no hesitation in awarding the penalty.

Nicolaides stroked the spot kick into the net via the post to make the score 3-1.

Austria welcomed the interval. It gave it a chance to settle down and get back into the game.

Collingwood may have had to struggle more had not George Craig missed a vital penalty kick during the second half. Feretis, the cagey former Collingwood veteran, outfoxed his opponents and was sent to the turf after running into the outstretched leg of Bill Gatzionis.

Craig took the penalty but didn't place it close enough to the post, allowing Vic Donis to make a crucial save. It was a real setback for Austria, and later Craig and

Scores, tables

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP										
PRAGUE Oct. 16 Czechoslovakia beat Sweden 4-1 (half time 3-0) in a group five qualifying match.										
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Irvine still in news



It's quite a while since Sandy Irvine toured the world with the Soccerroos, in 1970, but he's still hitting the headlines. Irvine (right) is pictured receiving the Metropolitan League

Fakos Nubrik's best

Rugged midfielder Con Fakos of Doveton was named player of the Nubrik Cup tournament, which concluded at Springvale last weekend.

Fakos, who joined Doveton from Frankston City this season, won a trophy and a prize from sponsor Tony Clark Datsun. Springvale City, the host club, won the Nubrik Cup on goal average when it drew with Doveton 2-2 in the last game. Stuart Fowler was the hero, scoring the equalising goal after Doveton led 2-0.

Dave Christians scored Springvale's first goal from the penalty spot. Box Hill finished third and Nth. Dandenong fourth in the tournament, which was sponsored by Nubrik Pipe and Brick Industries.

(right) of Croatia, clashes donia in their first round ch.

field did function as a defensive unit.

Faulkner did a lot of hard work and in the second half Lesirel was a good player. He had spent the first half at centre forward but wandered too deep to be effective.

When Cunningham suffered an injury, coach Vrzina brought on McMillan as a forward and switched Lesirel to mid-field.

The original Preston line-up excluded McMillan. This was unexpected, but Vrzina obviously stuck by the old rule: don't change a winning team.

Croydon's team picked itself after midfielder Charlie Murphy failed to regain fitness. He was injured by a Danny McCloskey tackle in the opening round against Frankston.

Murphy's absence meant full back Jimmy Spink was retained in mid-field. He had a good game there and coach Norm Hobson won't have a hard time deciding on his midfield combination once Murphy is fit.

Duncan Smith returned after a two-game suspension and had his usual servicable game in mid-field.

The only other real scoring chance of the game came when Cullen intercepted a McCombe back pass and after being forced back away from goals, the Preston forward shot over the bar.

Both teams are happy with a draw as they are in the box seat to qualify for the final.

Best players: Higham, Beech, Petrovski, Garthwaite, Faulkner (Macedonia) McCombe, Brown, Wylie, Pongho and Tront (Croydon) — KYLE PATTERSON



Collingwood City, winner of the 1979 Federation Cup. Standing (left to right): Vic Donis, supporter, Con Ignatidis, Phil Pagliuso, Dim Koulakas, Bill Gatzionis, Tony Gatzionis, Mike Stogiannou. Front: John Nicolaides, George Bozikis, Giovanni Batticiotto, Jim Loukas. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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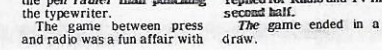
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Prima y campeón

George O'Hannuan, Andrew Galea, P. Peric, T. Tirabassi, F. de Bono, K. Klimzac. Coach. Sane O'Brien.

Cirkovic said he admired secretary Stephen Kalua on 20 7323 so that arrangements can be finalised.



West's lose Cup and McCulloch

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Scribe breaks arm in Press match

and radio was a fun affair with draw.



Hellas signs Steve Blair

South Melbourne Hellas has signed 17-year-old centre back Steve Blair (pictured) from relegated Victorian State League club Abdon Rovers.

Blair is in the Australian team for the 1981 world youth championship. South Melbourne hopes also to sign young Soccerro Eddie Krncevic from Marconi and is interested in former under 21 international Vince Bannon from Frankston City.

JOE WILSON RETURNS

Former Altona City, Green Gully and George Cross coach Joe Wilson is back in Australia — less than six months after leaving the country to live in England.

Wilson and his family found living in England was not easy these days. Wilson is keen to get back into coaching in the State League. There's a possibility he may coach Altona City, but if that doesn't eventuate, he would like to hear from any other interested clubs.

ROTHMANS MEDAL TO JOHN LEE

John Lee created a new record in winning the NSW Rothmans Medal for 1979. Lee came from Glasgow last year and began a new career with Bankstown in the State League.

His rise to stardom was almost immediate and he soon became the top marksman in his team, paying the way for many an important win for his new club.

He collected 36 points from the NSW referees, four more than any of the previous winners, to take the Rothmans

Medal three votes ahead of John McDonald of Auburn. After winning by such a margin, Lee was a very happy but surprised man.

"I collected most of my points midway through the season when I thought I was playing well below my best. It's a funny game," Lee said.

Another player who fared pretty well but also agreed with Lee on the voting was John McDonald of Auburn who won the medal in 1973 and 1975.

"I was fairly certain that this was the worst season of my soccer career," said McDonald to Manfred Schaefer after the start of the voting, which put McDonald in with a chance of getting his third Rothmans Medal in the 10 years of the existence of this award.

The pre-dinner favorites, Abony, Valeri, Giampaolo and Hall finished with the exception of Valeri) out of the top three.

The winner, with Giampaolo seventh, a further point behind.

Craig Hall, the young Soccerro, finished 30-th with only 9 points.



John Lee of Bankstown makes his acceptance speech after winning the Rothmans Medal. At left is NSW Federation president Karl Rodny.

For a player who contributed so much to Sutherland's success this year, it looks an awfully small figure and one that certainly does not do justice to Hall's performance in 1979.

Bruno Cagali, the NSW representative and Croatia's libero as well as Keith Schumann of Sutherland, finished

well down the list and were also surprise omissions from the top placegetters.

Marian Kovacic of Croatia and John Santolin of Monaro with 4 and 3 points respectively in the total points count, were also surprise omissions from the top echelon. — ALEX VESIC

All the votes

36. J. Lee (Bankstown)
35. J. McDonald (Auburn)
34. W. Valeri (Inter-Monaro)
33. D. Jack (Manly)
32. D. Allen (Manly)
31. A. Abony (Cronulla)
30. G. Giampaolo (Inter-Monaro)
29. G. Lynch (Bankstown), R. Smith (Sutherland)
28. J. Renshaw (Marickville)
27. M. Sullivan (Cronulla)
26. E. Patterson (Avalah)
25. W. Hamilton (Auburn)
24. D. Sidey (Armidale)
23. N. Parnham (Marickville)
22. C. Cassarini (Manly), H. Heddy (Manly), D. Harding (Bankstown), P. Mullin (Cronulla), J. Stoddart (Sutherland)
21. J. Ferguson (Manly), T. O'Mara (Parramatta), N. Williams (Avalah)
20. I. Barker (Parramatta), A. Kovacic (Cronulla)
19. A. Baskhead (Armidale), N. Briscoe (Parramatta), R. Brown (Marickville), W. Coates (Cronulla), C. Hall (Sutherland), F. Hemmings (Bankstown), G. Jones (Bankstown), P. Perry (Armidale), N. Rogers (Armidale), W. Saver (Cronulla), G. Smith (Cronulla), J. Zeros (Marickville), D. Daley (Bankstown)
18. M. Barton (Avalah), P. Coran (Yugoslavia), S. Diller (Avalah), S. Ellis (Kuring-gail), T. Gready (Bankstown), V. Juchaczewski (Auburn), K. Smith (Kuring-gail)
17. J. Basterfield (Sutherland), G. Chapman (Manly), J. Doyle (Marickville), R. Ferguson (Manly), J. Izatt (Bankstown), B. Kaler (Avalah), T. Morrow (Parramatta), S. McDonald (Manly), R. Nabe (Inter-Monaro), R. Dahlen (Armidale), P. Palmer (Manly), L. Pake (Inter-Monaro), C. Pomeroy (Bankstown), A. Robertson (Kuring-gail), K. Schumann (Sutherland), J. Watkins (Sutherland)
16. B. Dapin (Cronulla), R. Delaney (Yugoslavia), D. Doyle (Manly), A. Fisher (Bankstown), W. Fraser (Parramatta), R. Gibson (Auburn), A. Griffiths (Manly), J. Harrow (Kuring-gail), C. McDonald

- (Manly), N. Taylor (Bankstown), G. Thompson (Bankstown), D. Trinni (Yugoslavia)
15. T. Basic (Cronulla), P. Cuk (Bankstown), V. Dal Forno (Sutherland), A. Dal (Marickville), G. Lee (Kuring-gail), C. Ortega (Bankstown), B. Parker (Manly), N. Porter (Bankstown), S. Radovic (Yugoslavia), N. Saffridge (Parramatta), A. Smart (Armidale), A. Tracey (Armidale), P. Wykes (Sutherland)
14. P. Akers (Avalah), J. Bester (Bankstown), P. Craggs (Sutherland), G. Fairclough (Auburn), N. Fenougy (Cronulla), J. Forward (Parramatta), W. Griffiths (Manly), G. Isard (Marickville), M. Kovacic (Cronulla), F. Leyden (Cronulla), T. Morsello (Inter-Monaro), M. Novakovic (Yugoslavia), N. Pearson (Bankstown), T. Thompson (Marickville)
13. G. Barker (Parramatta), C. Balzita (Marickville), F. Bando De Valle (Bankstown), A. Bonta (Inter-Monaro), R. Chambers (Kuring-gail), G. Crawford (Inter-Monaro), R. Ganes (Armidale), M. Harrington (Sutherland), A. Kinney (Kuring-gail), H. Kampner (Yugoslavia), S. Lusk (Auburn), H. Marini (Yugoslavia), D. Morrison (Bankstown), J. Morsello (Yugoslavia), A. McKelvey (Manly), J. Santolin (Inter-Monaro), B. Taylor (Kuring-gail), C. Thomsen (Marickville), T. To (Auburn), V. Trapani (Inter-Monaro), R. Young (Manly)
12. S. Baskhead (Armidale), A. Britten (Bankstown), A. Charles (Inter-Monaro), R. Corbett (Auburn), D. Hardies (Kuring-gail), R. Hane (Parramatta), T. Jones (Manly), S. Kable (Marickville), C. Kettala (Yugoslavia), M. Mikalajczyk (Avalah), R. Mount (Manly), J. Nabe (Manly), C. Rostay (Bankstown), P. Saich (Kuring-gail), R. Stuart (Manly), S. Verrera (Manly), P. Voznen (Kuring-gail), B. Woods (Auburn), B. Young (Avalah)
11. G. Anskutov (Bankstown), G. Bateman (Avalah), P. Berry (Yugoslavia), J. Bester (Bankstown), B. Bracklow (Manly), V. Davoli (Manly), W. Evans (Marickville), J. Field (Auburn), R. Gaskie (Kuring-gail), D. Harvey (Parramatta), J. McNamee (Auburn), N. Niva (Yugoslavia), C. O'Neill (Inter-Monaro), M. Venturi (Inter-Monaro), S. Wilson (Cronulla), E. Williams (Marickville), C. Woods (Manly)

Inter Monaro a killer of giants

NSW Grand Final:

INTER MONARO 2 SUTHERLAND 1

Scorers: Monaro — Dal Forno own goal, Morsello, Sutherland — Baggis.

Ground: Sydney Sports Ground.

Crowd: 4,807.

Referee: Doug Rennie S.

Cautions: Trajanovski (M), Stoddart (S).

INTER MONARO: Palic 6, Crawford 7, O'Neil 7, Noble 8, Santolin 8, Falzon 7, Bourke 7, Morsello 8 (Fay 86th min), Giampaolo 8, Valeri 8, Trajanovski 8 (Haywood 64th min).

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 7, Hesford 8, Wykes 6, Smith 8 (Stoddart 5, half time), Dal Forno 7, Schumann 7, Hall 5, Morsello 8 (Mordis 75th min), Baggis 7, Basterfield 8, Harrington 7.

Inter Monaro, the team given little chance of success before the first series began, outgamed the second NSW State League giant Sutherland to win its first major trophy, after previously beating the No. 1 giant — Croatia.

With the wind at its back, Sutherland had a distinct advantage in the first half, but failed to use it. Baggis was well covered and Craig Hall appeared to have little space on the left flank to make an impression on the Monaro defence.

To add to Sutherland's problems, there was no-one in the Sutherland midfield or forward line tall enough to challenge for the high cross in the area, leaving Bobby Noble and Co. with an easy task.

At the other end, Keith Schumann and Vic Dal Forno were having their fair share of problems with Seaburns Giampaolo and Walter Valeri. In fact, it was the State's top marksman for 1979, Valeri, who sped past Schumann in the opening minutes of the first half to create a chance, but Craggs saved well to keep Monaro out.

Giampaolo beat two players on the edge of the area to make room for himself 14 metres out. His shot, however, was deflected at the last moment, denying this skilful striker more than a mere corner kick.

A few minutes later, Giampaolo was on the ball again, taunting the Sutherland defence before slotting the ball in the path of Walter Valeri, whose first timer grazed the outside of the post.

Sutherland managed to have a slight tactical advantage, but it was Monaro which appeared the more dangerous and likely to score. Vic Dal Forno, certainly the mainstay of this Sutherland defence, came to Monaro's aid in the 35th minute scoring an own goal.

Under pressure from an opponent and very close to his goalkeeper, Dal Forno pushed the ball past Phil Craggs and into the net to give Monaro the lead.

Johnny Watkins surprised by replacing Bobby Smith with John Stoddart, for it was Smith who held all

Alex Vesic



the strings for Sutherland in mid-field to give the Sharks the edge. In fact, Stoddart proved to be a liability as he was slow and unimaginative, losing the ball far too many times, capping his performance with a wild foul on Bobby Noble which earned him the yellow card.

Stoddart was lucky not to have earned his marching orders midway through the second half. With the ball out of play and a Monaro defender on the ground, Stoddart must have mistaken Crawford's green socks for grass, for he walked over his legs leaving Monaro player sprawled in pain.

Walter Valeri showed a lot of skill to make room for himself in the 58th minute before crossing for Tony Morsello to head home a great goal giving Monaro what seemed an unbeatable lead.

With 15 minutes left for play, Mitch Hesford carried the ball down the line for almost 40 metres before shooting for goal from well outside the box. The shot was harmless and Phil had to come out to collect the ball, but in doing so, he dropped the ball allowing Peter Baggis to score the easiest of goals.

Johnny Watkins came on for Steve Mordis almost immediately after Baggis goal and with only a lone goal difference between the two teams, the game opened up yet again. Sutherland attacked furiously, hoping to snatch an equaliser while Monaro's defence started to falter under pressure.

With ten minutes to go, young Craig Hall had the chance of the game after some great work by Jimmy Basterfield, but missed the ball with gates wide open and only five metres away from Palic.

Monaro managed to slow the pace down in the closing minutes and deservedly carry out the 1979 Grand Final.

Second grade grand final

SUTHERLAND 4 — BLACK-TOWN CITY 1.

Scorers: Paul Bush 3, Paul Smith 1 (S), Peter Cuk (B).

SUTHERLAND: Mal Haynes, Steve Williams, Warren Woods, Ron Schumann, Craig Rogers, Neil Tasker, Tony Murphy, Gavin Williams, Paul Bush, Paul Smith, Tony Bush (Grag Watkins), Brent Heathcote.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Jim Warren, Robert McMahon, Greg Anskutov, John Zelowski, Barry Campbell, Frank Vele, Julian Curt, Carlos Ortega, Ray Muscat, Peter Cuk, Stephen Finch.

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